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Names of the others injured were not obtainable last night as they had received first aid at a local physician's office and left for their homes.

The entire front of the drug store was demolished as the truck crashed a number of feet into the place of business. Mayor Chambers was standing in the place making a purchase when the truck crashed into him, throwing him violently to the floor. Mrs. Harper, wife of the proprietor of the pharmacy, narrowly escaped as she was standing only several feet from the mayor when the accident occurred. She was reported as suffering from shock.

President Visits Camp LeJeune

President Roosevelt, seated in a car, greets Capt. Herbert S. Gibson (back to camera) of Charlottesville, Va., during an inspection of marine antiaircraft artillery equipment at Camp LeJeune, N. C. The president visited that huge marine base December 18 en route from Warm Springs, Ga., to Washington. (A. P. Wirephoto from U. S. Marine Corps)

Another 3,788 Japanese Killed On Leyte Island In One Day

By James Hutcheson

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Sunday, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Headquarters today reported a smashing daylight air raid on Clark Field, near Manila, in which the majority of 100 grounded Japanese planes were destroyed, and said also that U. S. Troops had completed the destruction of Nipponese in the bloody Ormoc corridor of Leyte Island.

Liberator bombers, operating from an undisclosed field made the Clark Field raid Friday, Philippine time.

It was the first daylight Liberator operation against that main Japanese air center in the Philippines and an army spokesman said it was a first class surprise to the Nipponese, who got only nine of their fighters in the air to meet the assault.

Eight of the nine interceptors were shot down by U. S. Thunderbolts. The dispersal and taxi areas between two of the airstrips were left enveloped in fire and smoke. Liberator crews reported one tremendous explosion from which a smoke column rose 5,000 feet.

Yanks cleaning up Leyte's Ormoc corridor and pocketed Japanese to the east counted another 3,788 enemy dead in one day, bringing the eight-day total to 16,661.

The U. S. 77th division, the communique said, is continuing to work

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Civil War Spreads Clear Across Greece

15,000 To 20,000 E. L. A. S. Warriors Storm Rightist Forces

By Stephen Barber

ATHENS, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Fifteen thousand to 20,000 left-wing E. L. A. S. warriors stormed the rightist guerrilla stronghold in northwestern Greece today, spreading civil war clear across the nation, as stiff fighting also erupted north of the Athens port of Piraeus where British-Indian troops landed under the support of naval guns and rocket-firing Beaufighters.

British headquarters, which only last night received the E. L. A. S. reply to its cease-fire ultimatum, officially declared that the E. L. A. S. assault on the right-wing stronghold around Ioannina was an "unprovoked attack" in violation of an agreement reached between the rival factions at Caserta before the original British landings in Greece.

While Lt. Gen. Ronald Scobie, the British commander, and Harold Macmillan, British resident general in the middle east, conferred on the situation, Indian troops battled the E. L. A. S. members north of the main harbor haven of Piraeus, southwest of Athens.

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GOOD FELLOWS FURNISHES JOBS

Hundreds Made Happy As Sacks Of Goodies, Food And Toys Distributed

Previously acknowledged	$2,500.56
Joan Gelson Williams	1.00
In memory J. M. Cobb	5.00
In memory Hollis Hilton Crouse Jr.	5.00
A Good Fellow	2.00
In memory of my little grandchildren (Mama Mack)	2.00
The Victory Club	5.00
Evelyn Reims	10.00
Dan and Larry	5.00
Sydney Loeb	2.00
A Good Fellow	5.00
Guy Jones	1.00
A friend	2.00
Monroe Council United Commercial Travelers	
W. L. Hockett	1.00
C. V. Collins	5.00
M. D. Harris	1.00
B. B. Martin	1.00
W. C. [illegible]	1.00
C. B. Hair	1.00
A friend	2.00
Music Guild	5.00
Carl Thompson Jr. and Patricia Carroll Thompson	1.00
Lee's Service Station	5.00
Total	$2,565.56

Good Fellows, ending what is probably the most successful season ever experienced, closed the fund at the record peak of $2,565.56 and yesterday, with trucks loaned by the city of Monroe and city of West Monroe, delivered hundreds of sacks of groceries, toys and clothing to less privileged persons in the Twin Cities.

Homes of a large number of deserving, less privileged will be made happy for at least one day through Good Fellows activities.

There has been plenty of work for

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COUPLE ARRESTED IN NEW ORLEANS

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Harold Mark Parsons, 26, of Bartlesville, Okla., was held here under $2,000 bond today charged with a Mann act violation.

Parsons and a 19-year-old girl whom he is alleged to have brought here last May from Los Angeles, Calif., were arraigned before United States Commissioner R. H. Carter Jr.

The girl, identified in the federal complaint as Betty Devers, was held under $500 bond.

GERMANS CLAIM ALLIES DRAINED

Assert Eisenhower Forced To Pull Manpower From Other Areas

LONDON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—German broadcasts trumpeted claims today that General Eisenhower had been forced to drain manpower from his entire western front in an effort to halt Field Marshal Karl von Rundstedt's offensive in the north.

While asserting that weakened American forces were retreating to the south, the tone of the Berlin broadcasts indicated Nazi propagandists might be getting ready to disclose the offensive had been slowed or even halted.

One commentator after another spoke of "fierce battles" and of "throwing back repeated counterattacks." The high command's communique was headed by a paragraph saying "our troops warded off strong enemy relief attacks up to 14 times" in the Stavelot area.

"The American Third army continued to evacuate its Saar bridgeheads because General Patton had to move his forces to threatened areas on the northern sector of the vast front," said Transocean. "German troops are hotly pursuing the retreating Americans."

A later Transocean broadcast claimed that Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's Seventh army "started to evacuate a number of pillboxes in the Alsace-Palatinate border" yesterday morning.

Berlin claimed that "the Americans have withdrawn large numbers of troops from the Aachen sector."

Both the Nazi radio and the German communique emphasized a claim that the long-surrounded garrison at St. Nazaire on the coast of the Bay of Biscay had opened an attack and occupied 80 square kilometers (30 square miles) of territory.

Throughout the day the Germans withheld up-to-the-minute news—whether good or bad.

"The German aim is to leave the enemy groping about in the dark," said one of the military commentators, Capt. Ludwig Sertorius.

"They (the Americans) are now attacking in a south-north direction but in vain. The next few days undoubtedly will see increased attempts on the part of General Eisenhower to transform his improvised defense into a

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HORSE AND DOG RACING BANNED

Will Deny Materials And Fuel To Firms Defying Regulations

BOOSTS DRAFT RATE; PRO ATHLETES TO GET REVIEW

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—In its most drastic manpower moves of the war, the government today banned horse and dog racing and served notice that materials, fuel and transportation will be denied businesses which defy manpower regulations.

Selective service also was directed to review the qualifications for military service of professional athletes.

The actions capped a week of intensified endeavor to speed up the whole American war effort to the greater pace which the German counteroffensive has shown will be necessary for victory.

In earlier moves, the government had:

1. Increased the draft rate for January and February from 60,000 to 80,000.
2. Raised its sights on war production to plan on the basis that heavy fighting may continue in Europe for a year or more.
3. Froze production of civilian goods at current levels indefinitely.
4. Sharply cut the allotment of automobile tires for civilian use.

Today's actions were ordered directly by James F. Byrnes, director of war mobilization and reconversion. It was announced, however, that his request that all racing tracks close by January 3 was issued with President Roosevelt's approval.

Byrnes asked Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey to review the professional athletes' qualifications for military service, explaining that it was difficult for both him and the public to see how an individual could be unfit for military service yet capable of engaging in games "demanding physical fitness."

Serious consideration, Byrnes added, should be given to recalling those men to the armed forces or giving them another physical examination if they have not previously been inducted.

The "crack down" on businesses which disregard manpower regulations was taken in two steps.

First, Byrnes asked the war manpower commission to intensify its drive to establish employment ceiling

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5 ARE HONORED AT SELMAN FIELD

Receive Awards For Sons And Husbands Missing Or Prisoners

Three Monroe residents and two from nearby areas were honored at Selman Field Saturday when Col. George B. Dany, commanding officer, presented them with medals for their sons and husbands now prisoners of war and missing in action. The presentation was made at the graduation ceremonies of class 44-23N, the last to be graduated from the navigation school this year.

In making the award Colonel Dany, making his first appearance before a graduating class at this station, told the honored guests that he hoped that some day soon, before next Christmas, they would be able to present the medals to their loved ones personally.

The awards were given to Mrs. Margaret Feilbach, post librarian here; Mrs. Melissa Mayo, 306 Holly street, Monroe; Mrs. Susie E. Sanford, 407 Washington street, Monroe; Christopher C. Norman of Hodge, La., and Leonidas J. Jones of Forest, La.

How the navigator fits into the picture of the combat crew was graphically told by Capt. William C. Clark, veteran of 48 combat missions in the China-Burma-India theater. Telling the graduates that they will have to learn team work above everything else, Captain Clark described the many duties of a combat navigator. He said many times the navigator acts as a co-pilot, fire control officer, or

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WINNSBORO WOMAN FATALLY BURNED

WINNSBORO, La., Dec. 23.—(Special)—Fatally burned when her clothing became ignited as she stood before a gas heater, Mrs. Susie F. [illegible] Crawford, 84, died in a Winnsboro hospital this afternoon.

Mrs. Crawford was burned at the home of a daughter, Mrs. C. L. Rite, where she had made her home here. She was taken immediately to the hospital.

Funeral services, under the direction of the First National Funeral Home of Winnsboro, had not been completed last night.

Mrs. Crawford is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Rite, Winnsboro; Mrs. W. H. Thompson, Forest; Mrs. Mrs. E. D. Solomon, Jacksonville, Fla., and Dr. Reba Crawford, New Orleans; a son, D. H. Crawford, and a sister, Mrs. Anna Morgan, Louisville, Ky.

Front Is Scene Of Terrible Carnage

Allied Headquarters Release Discloses Enemy's Southern Wedge Only 23 Miles Northeast Of Historic Sedan

By Ned Nordness

PARIS, Sunday, Dec. 24.—(AP)—American relief columns, swinging up through Luxembourg and southeastern Belgium in their first effective counteraction, have bitten into the southern flank of the German penetration which now has reached Libramont, only 23 miles northeast of historic Sedan, Allied headquarters disclosed last night.

With clearing skies the world's mightiest air force also swung into action with 4,500 sorties against the German invasion columns, cutting destructive swaths through their ranks and hammering their rear bases.

Allied headquarters, lifting a 48-hour time lag on front news, gave this report of the situation:

Striking north of the city of Luxembourg and also north of Arlon, 13 miles northwest of Luxembourg, American troops have dented the German southern flank.

A front dispatch covering this action through Friday morning said the Luxembourg counter action was sprung north of Mersch, eight miles above Luxembourg city. Although this dispatch was censored it contained these perhaps significant words:

"It is obvious that the eight days since the Germans threw the dice in what probably was their last big gamble the Americans have had time to reform their forces."

Encouraging news also came from the northern flank where Associated Press Correspondent Wes Gallagher said that Field Marshal Karl von Rundstedt had been forced to pull back one of his crack SS (elite) divisions because it was so badly mauled by hard-fighting doughboys in the Malmedy sector.

The Germans left more than 1,000 dead in the snows below Malmedy, Galagher said, and a hard freeze setting in had the Yanks grouped around small bonfires across the battle-ridden fields and cross roads. Hundreds of Hitler's youthful troops are snow-covered lumps, dead in the no-man's land between the lines in that area, the dispatch said.

The Americans, however, have lost Stavelot, five miles southwest of Malmedy, headquarters disclosed, and

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171 NAZI FIGHTER PLANES DOWNED

Fierce Air Battles Are Conducted Over Western Front

LONDON, Sunday, Dec. 24.—(AP)—American fliers dealt powerful blows at the German air force yesterday when they shot down at least 171 enemy planes while flying nearly 3,000 sorties in support of United States ground forces slashing at the flanks of Marshal Karl von Rundstedt's offensive.

(A report to Allied headquarters in Paris said incomplete figures showed a total of 178 enemy planes had been destroyed.)

Roaring off British bases under sunny skies, more than 400 Liberators and Flying Fortresses of the United States Eighth air force downed six Nazi interceptors, and their escort of more than 700 fighters picked off 71 enemy planes. Meanwhile, continent-based fighter-bombers and medium bombers of the United States Ninth air force knocked down 94 more in approximately 1,650 sorties.

Fighting some of the fiercest air battles of the war, the Eighth air force announced its losses as three heavy bombers and 13 fighters. The Ninth's losses were not announced.

Nearly 100 R. A. F. Mosquitos continued the air assault on Von Rundstedt's rear supply bases last night by dropping two-ton bombs on rail routes northeast of Bonn and east of

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BERLE SLATED FOR AMBASSADORSHIP

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Adolf A. Berle is slated for appointment as ambassador to Brazil, it was learned authoritatively today.

Berle resigned as assistant secretary of state in the recent department shakeup.

He has had long experience with international and political affairs although this will be his first foreign diplomatic post.

Berle came to the department in the early days of the New Deal as one of President Roosevelt's brain trusters.

The Brazilian post is considered of extreme importance especially in view of the crisis with Argentina.

Brazil is felt here to be one of the main bulwarks against Nazi influence in South America. One of Berle's top jobs at Rio de Janeiro will be to check the spread of the influence of the Argentine government which the state department has called Fascist throughout Latin America.

CHRISTMAS TO BE CELEBRATED

Churches And Others Of Twin Cities Will Observe Occasion

The fourth wartime Christmas will be observed in the churches of the Twin Cities today, and amid the Christmas carols there will be prominent in the minds and hopes of the worshippers a sincere desire that peace will encircle the world before another holiday season dawns.

In the homes of the Twin Cities there will be many vacant chairs but at the same time there will be numerous members of armed service who will be back for short furloughs and leaves to gladden the hearts of those still at home.

Catholic and Episcopal churches will have especially elaborate services. Midnight mass will be sung by Rt. Rev. Msgr. N. F. Vandegaer at St. Matthew's Church at 11:30 p. m. and will be of unusual interest.

Grace Episcopal will conduct the children's service today at 5 p. m., and at 11:30 p. m. tonight there will be a [illegible] William P. Grant will preside at the organ, playing for the prelude and postlude selections from "The Messiah."

The First Presbyterian Church will present a program of musical selec-

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500 WARRIORS WILL HONOR BIRTH OF PRINCE OF PEACE

By Relman Morin

JERUSALEM, Dec. 23.—(AP)—On this sixth Christmas of the greatest conflict the world has known more than 500 Allied fighting men will gather to celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace at the Bethlehem manger where it occurred.

They started coming in by plane today, fresh from the blood and gore of the battlefields in France, Germany and Italy, from North Africa, from stations in the Middle East and from the bleak coast of the Persian Gulf.

There weren't many officers among the pilgrims. Most of them were just plain GIs winging in from scenes of violent death to honor the one who promised eternal life.

They follow the winding road to Bethlehem soon after their arrival, for they are eager to see "The Place." In the Church of the Nativity they descend a short flight of stone steps and are shown the exact spot where the manger stood.

A bright metal star inlaid in rock marks the place.

They will return to Bethlehem Sunday night. From 9 p. m. to 3 a. m. relays of army buses will bring them from Jerusalem. The army and the Red Cross have arranged everything for their participation in the celebrations of the Savior's birth.

Many will attend the midnight mass in the church of St. Catherine, the Roman Catholic Church adjoining the Church of the Nativity which is the common property of Roman, Greek and Armenian Churches. They will hear the Christmas hymns sung by a choir of 2,000 Polish army men and the Bethlehem bells and an American choir inside the church broadcasting to the world.

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By Eddy Gilmore

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The committee said it was also established that at the three camps—Yanow, Stryi and Lisowitz—the gestapo devised the "human icicle" treatment, which consisted of putting bound prisoners into barrels of water and then placing the barrels outside in below-zero temperatures with guards standing over them until they became frozen in ice.

Nazi Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler was said to have participated directly in the crimes, visiting the camps several times for personal inspection.

"As a result of this," the report said, "the Lwow atrocities of the German monsters were distinguished by particular refinements. They bear the mark of the personality of Himmler himself."

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Kadner B. Richardson, son of George E. Richardson, Monroe, yesterday was reported as "lost" and "wounded" in action in Belgium, according to war department messages received here by the soldier's father.

The father yesterday received four telegrams concerning the fate of his soldier son. All but the last of the messages said Kadner Richardson had been "lost in action." The final telegram said the soldier had been found wounded in Belgium and in a "serious condition."

Young Richardson is a graduate of Neville High School and attended Northeast Junior College here two years before enlisting for service in 1942 at the age of 18 years.

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Berlin, purposely obscure about the exact location of this action, claimed a German counterattack had cut off this Soviet wedge and encircled an isolated Russian grouping of troops.

The Moscow communique announced, without giving place names, that "in the area north of Ipoly Sag (Sahy) our troops successfully repulsed counterattacks of large formations of enemy tanks and inflicted heavy losses in manpower and equipment."

Among the Hungarian towns which

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TRUCK CRASHES INTO PHARMACY

Mayor Of Mangham Badly Hurt; Others Also Injured

MANGHAM, La., Dec. 23.—(Special)—Mayor H. B. Chambers is in the Winnsboro Clinic, his injuries being as yet undetermined, while two others were less seriously injured when a truck crashed into the front of the E. C. Harper Pharmacy, becoming unmanageable as it's driver sought to avoid a head-on collision with an automobile.

Names of the others injured were not obtainable last night as they had received first aid at a local physician's office and left for their homes.

The entire front of the drug store was demolished as the truck crashed a number of feet into the place of business. Mayor Chambers was standing in the place making a purchase when the truck crashed into him, throwing him violently to the floor. Mrs. Harper, wife of the proprietor of the pharmacy, narrowly escaped as she was standing only several feet from the mayor when the accident occurred. She was reported as suffering from shock.

0,000 REPORTED KILLED IN HREE LWOW PROVINCE CAMPS

By Eddy Gilmore

COW, Dec. 23.—(AP)—A Soviet rdinary state commission inves- g war crimes reported today 00,000 persons including an un- ined number of citizens of the States and Britain, had been by the Germans in three camps ow province, Poland.

report did not list the names of mericans and Britons, nor did any further details concerning The victims of all nationalities aid to include both civilians and ers of war.

ers, artists and musicians were to wash the stairways of one story building with their , and then were compelled to p garbage with their lips, the said.

nother incident, the report re- the commander of one of the the Yanov camp, threw two ear-old children into the air and then shot them to amuse his own nine-year-old daughter.

The committee said it was also established that at the three camps—Yanov, Sitadel and Lisenitz—the gestapo devised the "human icicle" treatment, which consisted of putting bound prisoners into barrels of water and then placing the barrels outside in below-zero temperatures, with guards standing over them until they became frozen in ice.

Nazi Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler was said to have participated directly in the crimes, visiting the camps several times for personal inspection.

"As a result of this," the report said, "the Lwow atrocities of the German monsters were distinguished by particular 'refinements.' They bear the mark of the personality of Himmler himself."

The German government, said the

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President Visits Camp LeJeune

President Roosevelt, seated in a car, greets Capt. Herbert S. Gibson (back to camera) of Charlottesville, Va., during an inspection of marine antiaircraft artillery equipment at Camp LeJeune, N. C. The president visited that huge marine base December 18 en route from Warm Springs, Ga., to Washington. (A. P. Wirephoto from U. S. Marine Corps)

Civil War Spreads Clear Across Greece

15,000 To 20,000 E. L. A. S. Warriors Storm Rightist Forces

By Stephen Barber

ATHENS, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Fifteen thousand to 20,000 left-wing E. L. A. S. warriors stormed the rightist guerrilla stronghold in northwestern Greece today, spreading civil war clear across the nation, as stiff fighting also erupted north of the Athens port of Piraeus where British-Indian troops landed under the support of naval guns and rocket-firing Beaufighters.

British headquarters, which only last night received the E. L. A. S. reply to its cease-fire ultimatum, officially declared that the E. L. A. S. assault on the right-wing stronghold around Ioannina was an "unprovoked attack" in violation of an agreement reached between the rival factions at Caserta before the original British landings in Greece.

While Lt. Gen. Ronaold Scobie, the British commander, and Harold McMillan, British resident general in the middle east, conferred on the situation, Indian troops battled the E. L. A. S. members north of the main harbor basin of Piraeus, southwest of Athens.

E. L. A. S. bands were holed up in factory buildings and the British made slight advances by capturing the

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GOOD FELLOWS FURNISHES JOBS

Hundreds Made Happy As Sacks Of Goodies, Food And Toys Distributed

Previously acknowledged	$2,500.56
Joan Golson Williams	1.00
In memory J. M. Cobb	5.00
In memory Hollis Hilton Cruise Jr.	5.00
A Good Fellow	2.00
In memory of my little grandchildren (Mama Mack)	3.00
The Victory Club	5.00
Evelyn Reims	10.00
Dan and Larry	5.00
Sydney Loeb	2.00
A Good Fellow	5.00
Guy Jones	1.00
A friend	2.00
Monroe Council United Commercial Travelers:	
W. L. Huckaby	1.00
C. V. Collins	1.00
M. D. Harris	1.00
B. B. Martin	1.00
W. C. Royce	1.00
C. B. Hair	1.00
A friend	2.00
Music Guild	5.00
Carl Thompson Jr. and Patricia Carroll Thompson	1.00
Lou's Service Station	5.00
Total	$2,565.56

Good Fellows, ending what is probably the most successful season ever experienced, closed the fund at the record peak of $2,565.56, and yesterday, with trucks loaned by the city of Monroe and city of West Monroe, delivered hundreds of sacks of groceries, toys and clothing to less privileged persons in the Twin Cities.

Homes of a large number of deserving, less privileged will be made happy for at least one day through Good Fellows activities.

There has been plenty of work for

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KADNER RICHARDSON WOUNDED IN ACTION

Kadner B. Richardson, son of George E. Richardson, Monroe, yesterday was reported as "lost" and "wounded" in action in Belgium, according to war department messages received here by the soldier's father.

The father yesterday received four telegrams concerning the fate of his soldier son. All but the last of the messages said Kadner Richardson had been "lost in action." The final telegram said the soldier had been found wounded in Belgium and in a "serious condition."

Young Richardson is a graduate of Neville High School and attended Northeast Junior College here two years before enlisting for service in 1942 at the age of 18 years.

COUPLE ARRESTED IN NEW ORLEANS

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Harold Mark Parsons, 26, of Bartlesville, Okla., was held here under $2,000 bond today charged with a Mann act violation.

Parsons and a 19-year-old girl whom he is alleged to have brought here last May from Los Angeles, Calif., were arraigned before United States Commissioner R. H. Carter Jr.

The girl, identified in the federal complaint as Betty Devers, was held under $500 bond.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS

In order to give our employes a much-needed rest for two days and to maintain our policy of cooperation with the government's restriction of newsprint, the News-Star will not be published on Monday afternoon. This is in accordance with the practice of other newspapers throughout the nation as a war-time measure.

The News-Star and World have cooperated with all local advertisers up to Christmas, but we now find it impossible to accept any local advertising starting with our Tuesday morning edition until Friday morning, December 29, with the exception of theater and classified advertising. The News-Star—World is confident that all of their readers and advertisers will understand the difficulties which are being experienced, and will extend the same cordial cooperation which has been maintained in the past.

We know the employes of these newspapers will enjoy the Christmas season and we take this opportunity to extend to each and every one of you who read this message our sincere and best wishes for a happy Christmas holiday.

WILSON EWING.
Editor and Publisher.

Smashing Daylight Air Raid Is Made On Manila's Clark Field

Another 3,788 Japanese Killed On Leyte Island In One Day

By James Hutcheson

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Sunday, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Headquarters today reported a smashing daylight air raid on Clark Field, near Manila, in which the majority of 100 grounded Japanese planes were destroyed, and said also that U. S. Troops had completed the destruction of Nipponese in the bloody Ormoc corridor of Leyte Island.

Liberator bombers, operating from an undisclosed field made the Clark Field raid Friday, Philippine time.

It was the first daylight Liberator operation against that main Japanese air center in the Philippines and an army spokesman said it was a first class surprise to the Nipponese, who got only nine of their fighters in the air to meet the assault.

Eight of the nine interceptors were shot down by U. S. Thunderbolts. The dispersal and taxi areas between two of the airstrips were left enveloped in fire and smoke. Liberator crews reported one tremendous explosion from which a smoke column rose 5,000 feet.

Yanks cleaning up Leyte's Ormoc corridor and pocketed Japanese to the east counted another 3,788 enemy dead in one day, bringing the eight-day total to 16,661.

The U. S. 77th division, the communique said, is continuing to work

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GERMANS CLAIM ALLIES DRAINED

Assert Eisenhower Forced To Pull Manpower From Other Areas

LONDON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—German broadcasts trumpeted claims today that General Eisenhower had been forced to drain manpower from his entire western front in an effort to half Field Marshal Karl von Rundstedt's offensive in the north.

While asserting that weakened American forces were retreating to the south, the tone of the Berlin broadcasts indicated Nazi propagandists might be getting ready to disclose the offensive had been slowed or even halted.

One commentator after another spoke of "fierce battles" and of "throwing back repeated counterattacks." The high command's communique was headed by a paragraph saying "our troops warded off strong enemy relief attacks up to 14 times" in the Stavelot area.

"The American Third army continued to evacuate its Saar bridgeheads because General Patton had to move his forces to threatened areas on the northern sector of the vast front, said Transocean. "German troops are hotly pursuing the retreating Americans."

A later Transocean broadcast claimed that Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's Seventh army "started to evacuate a number of pillboxes on the Alsace-Palatinate border" yesterday morning

Berlin claimed that "the Americans have withdrawn large numbers of troops from the Aachen sector."

Both the Nazi radio and the German communique emphasized a claim that the long-surrounded garrison at St. Nazaire, on the coast of the Bay of Biscay, had opened an attack and occupied 80 square kilometers (30 square miles) of territory.

Throughout the day the Germans withheld up-to-the-minute news—whether good or bad.

"The German aim is to leave the enemy groping about in the dark," said one of the military commentators, Capt. Ludwig Sertorius.

"They (the Americans) are now attacking in a south-north direction, but in vain. The next few days undoubtedly will see increased attempts on the part of General Eisenhower to transform his improved defense into a

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HORSE AND DOG RACING BANNED

Will Deny Materials And Fuel To Firms Defying Regulations

BOOSTS DRAFT RATE; PRO ATHLETES TO GET REVIEW

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—In its most drastic manpower moves of the war, the government today banned horse and dog racing and served notice that materials, fuel and transportation will be denied businesses which defy manpower regulations.

Selective service also was directed to review the qualifications for military service of professional athletes.

The actions capped a week of intensified endeavor to speed up the whole American war effort to the greater pace which the German counteroffensive has shown will be necessary for victory.

In earlier moves, the government had:

1. Increased the draft rate for January and February from 60,000 to 80,000.

2. Raised its sights on war production to plan on the basis that heavy fighting may continue in Europe for a year or more.

3. Froze production of civilian goods at current levels indefinitely.

4. Sharply cut the allotment of automobile tires for civilian use.

Today's actions were ordered directly by James F. Byrnes, director of war mobilization and reconversion. It was announced, however, that his request that all racing tracks close by January 3 was issued with President Roosevelt's approval.

Byrnes asked Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey to review the professional athletes' qualifications for military service, explaining that it was difficult for both him and the public to see how an individual could be unfit for military service yet capable of engaging in games "demanding physical fitness."

Serious consideration, Byrnes added, should be given to recalling those men to the armed forces or giving them another physical examination if they have not previously been inducted.

The "crack down" on businesses which disregard manpower regulations was taken in two steps.

First, Byrnes asked the war manpower commission to intensify its drive to establish employment ceilings

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5 ARE HONORED AT SELMAN FIELD

Receive Awards For Sons And Husbands Missing Or Prisoners

Three Monroe residents and two from nearby areas were honored at Selman Field Saturday when Col. George B. Dany, commanding officer, presented them with medals for their sons and husbands now prisoners of war and missing in action. The presentation was made at the graduation ceremonies of class 44-52N, the last to be graduated from the navigation school this year.

In making the award Colonel Dany, making his first appearance before a graduating class at this station, told the honored guests that he hoped that some day soon before next Christmas they would be able to present the medals to their loved ones personally.

The awards were given to Mrs. Margaret Feilbach, post librarian here; Mrs. Melissa Mayo, 306 Holly street, Monroe; Mrs. Susie E. Sanford, 407 Washington street, Monroe; Christopher C. Norman of Haile, La., and Leonidas J. Jones of Forest, La.

How the navigator fits into the picture of the combat crew was graphically told by Capt. William C. Clark, veteran of 48 combat missions in the China-Burma-India theater. Telling the graduates that they will have to learn team work above everything else, Captain Clark described the many duties of a combat navigator. He said many times the navigator acts as a co-pilot, fire control officer, or

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WINNSBORO WOMAN FATALLY BURNED

WINNSBORO, La., Dec. 23.—(Special)—Fatally burned when her clothing became ignited as she stood before a gas heater, Mrs. Sudie Frazee Crawford, 84, died in a Winnsboro hospital this afternoon.

Mrs. Crawford was burned at the home of a daughter, Mrs. C. L. Rife, where she had made her home here. She was taken immediately to the hospital.

Funeral services, under the direction of the First National Funeral Home of Winnsboro, had not been completed last night.

Mrs. Crawford is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Rife, Winnsboro; Mrs. W. H. Thompson, Forest, Miss.; Mrs. E. D. Solomon, Jacksonville, Fla.; and Dr. Rena Crawford, New Orleans; a son, D. H. Crawford; and a sister, Mrs. Anna Morgan, Louisville, Ky.

Front Is Scene Of Terrible Carnage

Allied Headquarters Release Discloses Enemy's Southern Wedge Only 23 Miles Northeast Of Historic Sedan

By Ned Nordness

PARIS, Sunday, Dec. 24.—(AP)—American relief columns, swinging up through Luxembourg and southeastern Belgium in their first effective counteraction, have bitten into the southern flank of the German penetration which now has reached Libramont, only 23 miles northeast of historic Sedan, Allied headquarters disclosed last night.

With clearing skies the world's mightiest air force also swung into action with 4,500 sorties against the German invasion columns, cutting destructive swaths through their ranks and hammering their rear bases.

Allied headquarters, lifting a 48-hour time lag on front news, gave this report of the situation:

Striking north of the city of Luxembourg and also north of Arlon, 13 miles northwest of Luxembourg, American troops have dented the German southern flank.

A front dispatch covering this action through Friday morning said the Luxembourg counter action was sprung north of Mersch, eight miles above Luxembourg city. Although this dispatch was censored it contained these perhaps significant words:

"It is obvious that the eight days since the Germans threw the dice in what probably was their last big gamble the Americans have had time to reform their forces."

Encouraging news also came from the northern flank where Associated Press Correspondent Wes Gallagher said that Field Marshal Karl von Rundstedt had been forced to pull back one of his crack SS (elite) divisions because it was so badly mauled by hard-fighting doughboys in the Malmedy sector.

The Germans left more than 1,000 dead in the snows below Malmedy, Galagher said, and a hard freeze setting in had the Yanks grouped around small bonfires across the battle-ridden fields and cross roads. Hundreds of Hitler's youthful troops are snow-covered lumps, dead in the no-man's land between the lines in that area, the dispatch said.

The Americans, however, have lost Stavelot, five miles southwest of Malmedy, headquarters disclosed, and

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171 NAZI FIGHTER PLANES DOWNED

Fierce Air Battles Are Conducted Over Western Front

LONDON, Sunday, Dec. 24.—(AP)—American fliers dealt powerful blows at the German air force yesterday when they shot down at least 171 enemy planes while flying nearly 3,000 sorties in support of United States ground forces slashing at the flanks of Marshal Karl von Rundstedt's offensive.

(A report to Allied headquarters in Paris said incomplete figures showed a total of 178 enemy planes had been destroyed.)

Roaring off British bases under sunny skies, more than 400 Liberators and Flying Fortresses of the United States Eighth air force downed six Nazi interceptors, and their escort of more than 700 fighters picked off 71 enemy planes. Meanwhile, continent-based fighter-bombers and medium bombers of the United States Ninth air force knocked down 94 more in approximately 1,650 sorties.

Fighting some of the fiercest air battles of the war, the Eighth air force announced its losses as three heavy bombers and 13 fighters. The Ninth's losses were not announced.

Nearly 100 R. A. F. Mosquitos continued the air assault on Von Rundstedt's rear supply bases last night by dropping two-ton bombs on rail routes northeast of Bonn and east of

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BERLE SLATED FOR AMBASSADORSHIP

WASHINGTON, Dec 23.—(AP)—Adolf A. Berle is slated for appointment as ambassador to Brazil, it was learned authoritatively today.

Berle resigned as assistant secretary of state in the recent departmental shakeup.

He has had long experience with international and political affairs although this will be his first foreign diplomatic post.

Berle came to the department in the early days of the New Deal as one of President Roosevelt's brain trusters.

The Brazilian post is considered of extreme importance especially in view of the crisis with Argentina.

Brazil is felt here to be one of the main bulwarks against Nazi influence in South America. One of Berle's top jobs in Rio de Janeiro will be to check the spread of the influence of the Argentine government, which the state department has called Fascist, throughout Latin America.

CHRISTMAS TO BE CELEBRATED

Churches And Others Of Twin Cities Will Observe Occasion

The fourth wartime Christmas will be observed, in the churches of the Twin Cities today, and amid the Christmas carols there will be prominent in the minds and hopes of the worshippers a sincere desire that peace will encircle the world before another holiday season dawns.

In the homes of the Twin Cities there will be many vacant chairs but in still others there will be numerous members in armed service who will be back for short furloughs and leaves to gladden the hearts of those still at home.

Catholic and Episcopal churches will have specially elaborate services. Midnight mass will be sung by Rt. Rev. Msgr. N. F. Vandegaer at St. Matthew's Sunday at 11:30 p. m. and will be of unusual interest.

Grace Episcopal will conduct the children's service today at 5 p. m., and at 11:30 p. m. tonight there will be a choral Eucharist. William P. Grant will preside at the organ, playing for the prelude and postlude selections from "The Messiah."

The First Presbyterian Church will present a program of musical selec-

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500 WARRIORS WILL HONOR BIRTH OF PRINCE OF PEACE

By Relman Morin

JERUSALEM, Dec. 23.—(AP)—On this sixth Christmas of the greatest conflict the world has known more than 500 American warriors will gather to celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace at the Bethlehem manger where it occurred.

They started coming in by plane today, fresh from the mud and gore of the battlefields in France, Germany and Italy, from North Africa, from stations in the Middle East and from the bleak coast of the Persian Gulf.

There weren't many officers among the pilgrims. Most of them were just plain GIs—winging in from scenes of violent death to honor the one who promised eternal life.

They follow the winding road to Bethlehem soon after their arrival, for they are eager to see "The Place." In the Church of the Nativity they descend a short flight of stone steps and are shown the exact spot where the manger stood

A bright metal star inlaid in rock marks the place.

They will return to Bethlehem Sunday night. From 9 p. m. to 3 a. m. relays of army buses will bring them from Jerusalem. The army and the Red Cross have arranged everything for their participation in the celebrations of the Savior's birth.

Many will attend the midnight mass in the church of St. Catherine, the Roman Catholic Church adjoining the Church of the Nativity which is the common property of Roman, Greek and Armenian Churches. They will hear the Christmas hymns sung by a choir of 2,000 Polish army men and the Bethlehem bells and an American choir inside the church broadcasting to the world.

There is little similarity between the manner of these fighting men on leave and those you see elsewhere released from the battlefield. The mystery of

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SOVIETS TALK OF HEAVY PURCHASES

Want Machines And Tools Needed To Raise Living Standard

By Sigrid Arne

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Russia is talking post-war purchases in the United States which may add up to $30 billions. She now has a war-swollen buying commission here of 1,600 men, working all over the country.

Ruasia wants what she's always wanted from the American market: machines, parts, motors, tools and processed metals with which to build her own industry so she can make the clothes, autos, homes, radios which have meant a higher living standard in the United States.

Right now, to educate her public she is readying a spring exposition for Moscow which will show Russians the machines we make, and many of the products the machines turn out. Russian experts are here seeking priorities so they can purchase the single models they want to exhibit.

The news has gotten around, and both the state and commerce departments are beset by manufacturers who want to send salesmen to Moscow. This government will clear them, it's learned, but the Russians still say, "No. The war won't permit." However, there are seven American fur firms with buyers there now. Fur is the item through which Russia has always garnered the largest amount of American dollars.

Russia's possible post-war purchases here represent such a vast sum that she will need credit—and government credit, since no private combination of banks is thought likely to underwrite such sums. And department of commerce experts are counselling other government departments to grease the wheels for this trade bonanza.

Here are the most-discussed financial plans as they're outlined by E. C. Ropes, the commerce department's Russian expert:

1. The government could guarantee Russia's purchases. That would mean, if she defaulted on a purchase from Baldwin Locomotive the U. S. government would pay Baldwin the unpaid part of the bill.

2. The government could insure the seller, himself, and the plan would work the same way.

3. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation could make loans to American firms, which would permit them to turn out the goods for Russia swiftly, and yet wait some time for the long-term payments.

4. The export-import bank could guarantee American sales to Russia. This is the most popular plan. There is a move afoot now to increase the bank's capitalization from $700 millions to a top of $5 billions to assist American trade with all foreign countries. Since the bank's funds revolve, it could finance much more than $5 billions in trade.

Russia is asking as long as 30 years to pay off these purchases. Government men say, "why not? Under the Dawes plan we loaned Germany billions, and gave her 62 and 1/2 years to pay."

Government experts point out that before the war Russia never defaulted on either purchases or loans. And she's the only country which has announced she'll pay off lend-lease which now stands, for her, at seven billion bollars.

Russians method of buying and selling abroad is part and parcel of her good reputation as a debt risk.

Both operations are controlled by the government which won't permit the nation to buy more than she sells. Sales pay for purchases.

Before the war Russia was buying here almost three times as much as she was selling to us.

This buying-and-selling pattern between the two nations is likely to resume after the war.

The last detailed list published is the lend-lease exchance for '41.

Russia's biggest purchases were, of course, for industrial machinery. Here's a partial list:

Steam Turbine Generator Setssion Motors, starters, searchlights, internal combustion engines, excavators, drilling apparatus, lathes, boring mills, and so on.

Of the major items we bought from Russia: That year more than half were furs. Two other large items were anthracite, and manganese. Several smaller items included: caviar, flax, platinum, asbestos, and sausage casings.

So far, ropes, of the commerce department, talks of three big post-war orders already placed here by Russia. She's asking international telephone and modernize her communications system; Dupont to help with production of synthetic rubber, and General Electric to make her nine huge turbo-generators for a rebuilding of the big Dnieper river power station which was destroyed in the war. The over-all costs for the power project will run from $30 to $38 millions.

But Russia's needs are something to watch closely, United States experts say, since the minute she is able to manufacture for her own needs any given product she cuts off her purchasing abroad.

For instance, she upped shoe manufacture 50 per cent in one year. When the war came she no longer bought shoes abroad. Neither did she buy autos. She was turning out 200,000 a year, most of them trucks, and getting along on that.

In the 30s she bought a whole Baltimore clothing plant, transporting both machines and key men to the caucasus. From that initial plant she now has several clothing factories all over the U. S. S. R. she had stopped buying clothing abroad until the war forced her to turn to us for uniforms.

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PYTHIAN SISTERS HAVE YULE PARTY

The Pythian Sisters, Monroe Temple No. 1, held their Christmas party at the Pythian hall, Monday night, Christmas carols were sung and the program was as follows:

Address of welcome, Mrs. Sara Shows.

Christmas, Mrs. Montez Baur.

"The Little Serving Maid," L. J. Hunnicutt.

"Mrs. Grumbly's Christmas" in which were the following characters: Mrs. Smiley (Mary Lee Hunnicutt); Mrs. Grumbly (Mrs. Montez Baur). Children—Judy Mae Hunnicutt, Glenn Fleming, Barbara Brown, Laura Ruth Hunnicutt and Jerry Davis.

After the program, the children distributed gifts from the tree after which there was a little party held in the handsomely decorated dining room on the second floor.

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PHYSICIAN DIES

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Dr. Willoughby Eaton Kittredge, 71, Napoleonville physician and sugar planter for more than 40 years, died here today. He was a graduate of Tulane University and a brother of the later Ivy G. Kittredge, former New Orleans city attorney. Survivors include the widow, the former Miss Corine Souchon of New Orleans; a son, Willoughby Kittredge, New Orleans, and a sister, Mrs. G. W. Sims, Napoleonville. Funeral services are to be conducted Sunday at 10 a. m. at the Napoleonville Episcopal Church.

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Most nuts are more digestible when roasted than if eaten raw.

SAYS HESS FLEW TO BRITAIN WITHOUT CONSENT OF HITLER

Lochner Says Von Haushofer And Messerschmitt Backed Him

(EDITOR'S NOTE: When Rudolf Hess made his sensational flight from Germany to Britain in 1941, Louis Lochner was chief of the Associated Press bureau in Berlin. Now in London, Lochner has assayed the story anew, against the background of information he had at the time but was prevented from reporting by German censorship. Here are his conclusions and findings.)

By Louis P. Lochner

LONDON—(AP)—Rudolf Hess, contrary to the opinion which I found almost universally accepted in America, came to Britain on a self-style "mission of humanity" on May 10, 1941, without the knowledge or approval of Adolf Hitler.

This came categorically and unequivocally, from a high British government source.

A comparison of data available to Whitehall with the circumstantial evidence available to American correspondents stationed in Germany at the time of Hess' flight further established that Hitler's long-time secretary and later deputy fuehrer was inspired and backed by Professor Karl von Haushofer, an expert on geopolitics, and Willy Messersemitt, builder of Germany's best fighter planes.

Efforts to see Hess, whom I knew well in Germany, were unavailing on the grounds that the Hess chapter is closed and because, authorities say, he probably couldn't talk coherently if interviewed.

I was informed that he has considerable latitude of movement—under guard of course—to take strolls and enjoy fresh air. He is treated as a prisoner of war of high rank, has reasonably good rations and periodically is visited by a representative of the Swiss legation to whom he can address complaints.

Rumor has it that he is somewhere in Wales, but officials would not confirm this.

The Ministry of Information first met my request to clarify whether or not Hess came as Hitler's agent with, "What difference does it make? His plan was so impossible that it is immaterial who sent him. We knew Hitler was preparing war on Russia and hence discounted Hess' assertion that the fuehrer had no designs on Russia nor aimed at world domination."

Countering, I pointed out that in America every reporter, radio commentator or lecturer who was in Germany at the time of Hess' flight is asked "What about Hess? Was he sent by Hitler?"

I also pointed out that even when we presented our circumstantial evidence of Hitler's lack of knowledge of his deputy's plan, most persons listened politely but were not convinced. The MOI official now grew definitely interested.

"What was that evidence?"

Since German censorship at the time prevented my reporting that evidence, I incorporate it here to round out the complete picture of the case. The belief that Hitler had nothing to do with Hess' flight rested on these considerations:

First, Hitler placed a high value on the lives of his most intimate followers and would not have permitted Hess to go on a solo flight. He would have sent a co-pilot along.

Second, if Hitler had not been caught off guard, he would not have issued the silly story that Hess had been subject to frequent mental aberrations. Only a few days earlier, on May 1, 1941, Hitler had deputed Hess to present the highest civilian medals at Ausburg to airplane-builder Messerschmitt and people's car designer Ferdinant Porsche.

Also, neither Hitler nor Joseph Goebbels would have laid themselves open to the much-heard, sub rosa comment:

"If the second man in the Reich has been crazy all this time and we didn't know it, what about our top man?"

Third, Hitler's treatment of the Hess case from the party standpoint indicated that his deputy had acted without his knowledge and approval. Hitler ordered Hess' name "Ausgeloescht"—wiped out—from the party records and forbade all mention of him thereafter in the press or radio. Such treatment was accorded only one other top Nazi, Ernst Roehm, after the notorious purge of June 30, 1934.

Other high Nazis at times failed in missions, were disavowed by Hitler and sometimes were demoted but their party membership remained unquestioned and they continued to be regarded as loyal Nazis. Not so Hess and Roehm.

At that point, the ministry of information officer now changed tack.

"Your deductions are absolutely right," he told me. "From all Hess said and revealed our government is firmly convinced that the deputy fuehrer came without Hitler's knowledge and approval. Any other conjecture is excluded."

To make doubly sure, he called the Whitehall foreign office which confirmed this point. What seemed not quite clear to the British government was the question whether Hess thought out his scheme by himself or whether others in Germany were behind it.

On this point, it should be noted that Hess never showed great mental capacity in Germany but was regarded merely as Hitler's most faithful personal aide who stolidly carried out orders but never gave evidence of originating constructive ideas.

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SOVIETS TALK OF HEAVY PURCHASES

Want Machines And Tools Needed To Raise Living Standard

By Sigrid Arne

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Russia is talking post-war purchases in the United States which may add up to $30 billions. She now has a war-swollen buying commission here of 1,600 men, working all over the country.

Russia wants what she's always wanted from the American market: machines, parts, motors, tools and processed metals with which to build her own industry so she can make the clothes, autos, homes, radios which have meant a higher living standard in the United States.

Right now, to educate her public she is readying a spring exposition for Moscow which will show Russians the machines we make, and many of the products the machines turn out. Russian experts are here seeking priorities so they can purchase the single models they want to exhibit.

The news has gotten around, and both the state and commerce departments are beset by manufacturers who want to send salesmen to Moscow. This government will clear them, it's learned, but the Russians still say, "No. The war won't permit." However, there are seven American fur firms with buyers there now. Fur is the item through which Russia has always garnered the largest amount of American dollars.

Russia's possible post-war purchases here represent such a vast sum that she will need credit—and government credit, since no private combination of banks is thought likely to underwrite such sums. And department of commerce experts are counselling other government departments to grease the wheels for this trade bonanza.

Here are the most-discussed financial plans as they're outlined by E. C. Ropes, the commerce department's Russian expert:

1. The government could guarantee Russia's purchases. That would mean, if she defaulted on a purchase from Baldwin Locomotive the U. S. government would pay Baldwin the unpaid part of the bill.

2. The government could insure the seller, himself, and the plan would work the same way.

3. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation could make loans to American firms, which would permit them to turn out the goods for Russia swiftly, and yet wait some time for the long-term payments.

4. The export-import bank could guarantee American sales to Russia. This is the most popular plan. There is a move afoot now to increase the bank's capitalization from $700 millions to a top of $5 billions to assist American trade with all foreign countries. Since the bank's funds revolve, it could finance much more than $5 billions in trade.

Russia is asking as long as 30 years to pay off these purchases. Government men say, "why not? Under the Dawes plan we loaned Germany billions, and gave her 62 and 1/2 years to pay."

Government experts point out that before the war Russia never defaulted on either purchases or loans. And she's the only country which has announced she'll pay off lend-lease which now stands, for her, at seven billion bollars.

Russians method of buying and selling abroad is part and parcel of her good reputation as a debt risk.

Both operations are controlled by the government which won't permit the nation to buy more than she sells. Sales pay for purchases.

Before the war Russia was buying here almost three times as much as she was selling to us.

This buying-and-selling pattern between the two nations is likely to resume after the war.

The last detailed list published is the lend-lease exchance for '41.

Russia's biggest purchases were, of course, for industrial machinery. Here's a partial list:

Steam Turbine Generator Setssion Motors, starters, searchlights, internal combustion engines, excavators, drilling apparatus, lathes, boring mills, and so on.

Of the major items we bought from Russia: That year more than half were furs. Two other large items were anthracite, and manganese. Several smaller items included caviar, flax, platinum, asbestos, and sausage casings.

So far, ropes, of the commerce department, talks of three big post-war orders already placed here by Russia. She's asking international telephone and modernize her communications system; Dupont to help with production of synthetic rubber, and General Electric to make her nine huge turbo-generators for a rebuilding of the big Dnieper river power station which was destroyed in the war. The over-all costs for the power project will run from $30 to $38 millions.

But Russia's needs are something to watch closely, United States experts say, since the minute she is able to manufacture for her own needs any given product she cuts off her purchasing abroad.

For instance, she upped shoe manufacture 50 per cent in one year. When the war came she no longer bought shoes abroad. Neither did she buy autos. She was turning out 200,000 a year, most of them trucks, and getting along on that.

In the 30s she bought a whole Baltimore clothing plant, transporting both machines and key men to the caucasus. From that initial plant she now has several clothing factories all over the U. S. S. R. she had stopped buying clothing abroad until the war forced her to turn to us for uniforms.

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The Pythian Sisters, Monroe Temple No. 1, held their Christmas party at the Pythian hall, Monday night, Christmas carols were sung and the program was as follows:

Address of welcome, Mrs. Sara Shows.

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"The Little Serving Maid," L. J. Hunnicutt.

"Mrs. Grumbly's Christmas" in which were the following characters: Mrs. Smiley (Mary Lee Hunnicutt); Mrs. Grumbly (Mrs. Montez Baur). Children—Judy Mae Hunnicutt, Glenn Fleming, Barbara Brown, Laura Ruth Hunnicutt and Jerry Davis.

After the program, the children distributed gifts from the tree after which there was a little party held in the handsomely decorated dining room on the second floor.

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PHYSICIAN DIES

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Dr. Willoughby Eaton Kittredge, 71, Napoleonville physician and sugar planter for more than 40 years, died here today. He was a graduate of Tulane University and a brother of the later Ivy G. Kittredge, former New Orleans city attorney. Survivors include the widow, the former Miss Corine Souchon of New Orleans; a son, Willoughby Kittredge, New Orleans, and a sister, Mrs. G. W. Sims, Napoleonville. Funeral services are to be conducted Sunday at 10 a. m. at the Napoleonville Episcopal Church.

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Most nuts are more digestible when roasted than if eaten raw.

SAYS HESS FLEW TO BRITAIN WITHOUT CONSENT OF HITLER

Lochner Says Von Haushofer And Messerschmitt Backed Him

(EDITOR'S NOTE: When Rudolf Hess made his sensational flight from Germany to Britain in 1941, Louis Lochner was chief of the Associated Press bureau in Berlin. Now in London, Lochner has assayed the story anew, against the background of information he had at the time but was prevented from reporting by German censorship. Here are his conclusions and findings.)

By Louis P. Lochner

LONDON—(AP)—Rudolf Hess, contrary to the opinion which I found almost universally accepted in America, came to Britain on a self-style "mission of humanity" on May 10, 1941, without the knowledge or approval of Adolf Hitler.

This came categorically and unequivocally, from a high British government source.

A comparison of data available to Whitehall with the circumstantial evidence available to American correspondents stationed in Germany at the time of Hess' flight further established that Hitler's long-time secretary and later deputy fuehrer was inspired and backed by Professor Karl von Haushofer, an expert on geopolitics, and Willy Messerscmitt, builder of Germany's best fighter planes.

Efforts to see Hess, whom I knew well in Germany, were unavailing on the grounds that the Hess chapter is closed and because, authorities say, he probably couldn't talk coherently if interviewed.

I was informed that he has considerable latitude of movement—under guard of course—to take strolls and enjoy fresh air. He is treated as a prisoner of war of high rank, has reasonably good rations and periodically is visited by a representative of the Swiss legation to whom he can address complaints.

Rumor has it that he is somewhere in Wales, but officials would not confirm this.

The Ministry of Information first met my request to clarify whether or not Hess came as Hitler's agent with, "What difference does it make? His plan was so impossible that it is immaterial who sent him. We knew Hitler was preparing war on Russia and hence discounted Hess' assertion that the fuehrer had no designs on Russia nor aimed at world domination."

Countering, I pointed out that in America every reporter, radio commentator or lecturer who was in Germany at the time of Hess' flight is asked "What about Hess? Was he sent by Hitler?"

I also pointed out that even when we presented our circumstantial evidence of Hitler's lack of knowledge of his deputy's plan, most persons listened politely but were not convinced. The MOI official now grew definitely interested.

"What was that evidence?"

Since German censorship at the time prevented my reporting that evidence, I incorporate it here to round out the complete picture of the case. The belief that Hitler had nothing to do with Hess' flight rested on these considerations:

First, Hitler placed a high value on the lives of his most intimate followers and would not have permitted Hess to go on a solo flight. He would have sent a co-pilot along.

Second, if Hitler had not been caught off guard, he would not have issued the silly story that Hess had been subject to frequent mental aberrations. Only a few days earlier, on May 1, 1941, Hitler had deputed Hess to present the highest civilian medals at Ausburg to airplane-builder Messerschmitt and people's car designer Ferdinant Porsche.

Also, neither Hitler nor Joseph Goebbels would have laid themselves open to the much-heard, sub rosa comment:

"If the second man in the Reich has been crazy all this time and we didn't know it, what about our top man?"

Third, Hitler's treatment of the Hess case from the party standpoint indicated that his deputy had acted without his knowledge and approval. Hitler ordered Hess' name "Ausgeloescht"—wiped out—from the party records and forbade all mention of him thereafter in the press or radio. Such treatment was accorded only one other top Nazi, Ernst Roehm, after the notorious purge of June 30, 1934.

Other high Nazis at times failed in missions, were disavowed by Hitler and sometimes were demoted but their party membership remained unquestioned and they continued to be regarded as loyal Nazis. Not so Hess and Roehm.

At that point, the ministry of information officer now changed tack.

"Your deductions are absolutely right," he told me. "From all Hess said and revealed our government is firmly convinced that the deputy fuehrer came without Hitler's knowledge and approval. Any other conjecture is excluded."

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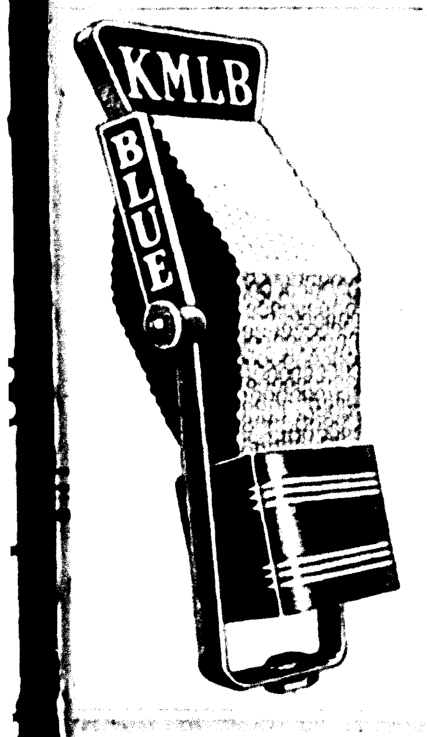

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OPA acknowledged that canned vegetables were in good supply, but said that stocks were moving too rapidly, indicating a shortage before the start of the new pack year next summer.

One consideration which apparently tipped the scale in OPA's favor is the prospect that the war in Europe may be drawn out as a result of the German counteroffensive. This would make it necessary to ship more food to the armed forces than first calculated, and at the same time reduce the likelihood of an early homefront surplus feared by WFA.

Another factor contributing to the decision was said to be WFA's latest estimate that the spring pig crop will be two per cent under last year's, while the agency had called on farmers for a seven per cent increase.

The impending change will restore point values to practically all utility grades of beef and lamb, the cheaper cuts of pork, and probably to all grades of veal. The top grades of all these meats, except veal, already are rationed.

All canned vegetables except tomatoes are off the ration list at present.

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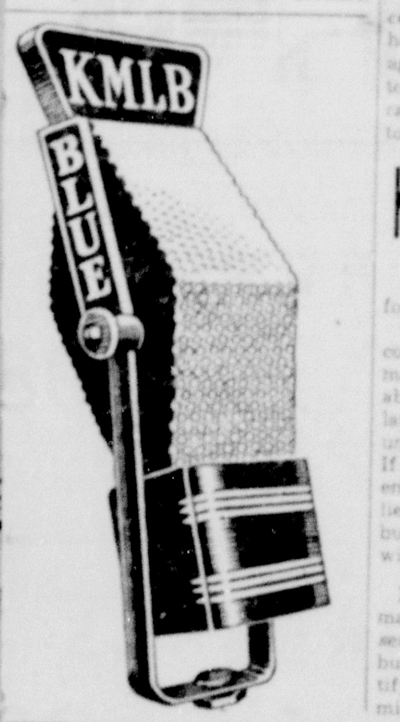

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'On Earth, Peace'

Throughout the world today and tomorrow Americans once more will celebrate Christmas, in their own homes and churches, before the altars of strange churches in strange lands, on tropic beaches and snowy battlefields, in barracks and hospitals and prison camps.

For a little time their immediate feelings of anxiety or pain or loneliness will be crowded out by the emotions of love and fellowship which Christmas always kindles. Wherever they are there will be the old carols, and the old familiar story with its triumphant hymn of the angelic host, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men."

Slowly, through the defeat and despair and cynicism, the Christian world has struggled over the centuries to transmute those words into reality. And two thousand years of failure, made bitter by this present and most tragic failure, cannot erase the hope that those words arouse.

Today the struggle is not symbolical but fiercely literal. The war is in a real sense a crusade. For the Christian world is battling cruel and pagan enemies whose goal has been the destruction of peace and good will and the substitution of a slavery of body and spirit masquerading as something called Co-Prosperity and the New Order.

But it is Christmas, and we know Death is not the Lord of all, but Life.

So turn away the eyes a little while from the fields of carnage and toward the star-roofed field where the shepherds tended their flocks. Turn away the eyes a little while from the skies filled with destruction and horror and turn them toward the skies where the angels sang of peace. Turn them away from the oceans where roaring guns and bursting bombs redden their waters with human blood and toward the blue Galilean Sea by whose shore walked the Man who brings life and brings it more abundantly. Turn the eyes away from the great cities of Berlin, Rome and Tokyo, and from your own home, whether it be in Monroe or elsewhere, and toward the little village of Bethlehem.

And turn the heart away from bitter thoughts of a would-be conqueror of the earth, ambition ridden and hate-inspired, and toward tender thoughts of the love-inspired and love-inspiring carpenter who conquered earth and heaven. Turn again today to that story which has come down through two thousand years to comfort souls and soften sorrow and ease pain and inspire hope, and which will live after all the fierce pagan sagas have died not only in man's memories but in men's hearts.

The Story of the Nativity is an inspirational message which is particularly fitting at this period when the world is wracked by war and strife. Turn again to the story that runs:

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world would be taxed.

(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David).

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field. Keeping watch over their flocks by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us go unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

If, after victory in Europe, American soldiers go to school while awaiting transportation home, it is a safe prediction that their minds will not be on their studies.

The man who formerly sent boxes of cigars to his friends for Christmas is numbered among the troubled shoppers this year.

France is to have a voice with the Big Three powers in dealing with Germany. All De Gaulle has to do is out-talk Winston and Joe.

Jimmie Fidler
IN HOLLYWOOD

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 23.—Headlined in one of today's trade papers are two stories that bear close relationship. Story number one announces that neighborhood theaters in certain areas, principally along the Atlantic seaboard, are again giving away dishes and other premiums in order to lure patrons. Story number two concerns an industry-wide drive to reduce production costs.

It looks like the picnic is about over—and I, for one, will be glad to see it end.

For the past three years, Hollywood has been reveling in unheard-of prosperity. John and Jane Public, greedy for entertainment and possessed of ample spending money, have rushed to see every movie offered them, irrespective of its quality. Hollywood producers would be super-human, under those conditions, if they hadn't (1) let production costs run wild and (2) grown careless, now and then, about the quality of their product.

Certainly no one even remotely connected with the film industry wants to see a return of the starvation days of the middle 'thirties. But neither can anyone interested in the constant increase of movie quality want to see present conditions continue indefinitely. Hollywood is making many fine pictures, but it can better its average appreciably—and will, the minute it is forced to do so by more discriminate shopping on the part of the public. Profit is still a more compelling movie than pride of craftsmanship.

My Number One heroine this week is Loretta Young. About six months ago, she discovered that her maid, one Virginia Paris, had both a magnificent singing voice and a fervent ambition for a career. Miss Young promptly launched a campaign in her behalf. First, she secured for the maid an opportunity to give a concert at the Hollywood Canteen, next she procured for her an agent. The net results is that Miss Paris has gone from triumph to triumph and now is well on her way to stardom. As was to be expected, she had to quit her job with Loretta, who, to date, has been unable to find a replacement. Any lady, in these troubled times, who deliberately deprives herself of an A-1 maid, deserves a Croix de Merite with Palms.

Lupe Velez' death was a terrible and a most regretable tragedy. It was also a grim object lesson to the thousands of giddy young things throughout America who seem to believe that stardom, in itself, is a guarantee against unhappiness. The sad fact is (and it's been demonstrated countless times by the lives of famous stars) that all of the wealth and fame that Hollywood can bestow fail to create personal happiness unless the recipient follows the same, sane rules of conduct that bring happiness in any other walks of life.

I was so interested by the rough treatment Life Magazine gave Jeanette MacDonald in reviewing her recent debut with the Chicago Grand Opera Company that I took time out and collected the reviews written by the professional music editors of the big Chicago papers. Not one of them hailed Miss MacDonald's voice as great, but all of them gave her excellent, over-all, reviews—better by far than many of the reviews they have given in the past to recognized opera stars. Checking their complete articles against excerpts reprinted in Life, it seems apparent that the editors of that magazine consistently deleted the praise and used only the criticisms—a policy which they seem to be following in subsequent references to Miss MacDonald's performance. Under the circumstances, I think that Life has done a much better job of proving its own lack of fairness than it has of damaging the singer's professional reputation.

Remember how Greer Garson, about a year ago, kicked over the traces at MGM and threatened a one-woman rebellion unless studio bosses quit jeopardizing her popularity by making her play old ladies? Well, I wonder what she thinks about her pet beef now that nine different polls have named her the No. 1 box office star of the year, despite the fact that Metro yielded not one inch to her demands? It occurs to me that she might order crow for Christmas instead of turkey, and eat it with joyous thanksgiving.

You—if you happen to be even a garden variety psychologist—can pretty well judge the state of our foreign affairs by asking the first six foreign actors you meet where they came from. Fifteen years ago, when Hollywood was slavishly following German film techniques, any actor with a Teutonic accent boasted that he had come here from Berlin. Today, Hollywoodites with German gutterals in their speech say they're from Vienna.

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The American Scene

By I. C. BRENNER

'ON WITH THE DANCE'

Although dancing is third on my list of recreational pleasures, I cannot always find a golf course or a congenial bridge table, so while traveling about the country—well, I dance. There's always a chance for that. I have stepped to all the big name bands in the land and to a large majority of unknown local ones, some whose tempo is slow as cold molasses, others so fast that I wonder why. Few orchestras seem to hit the happy medium. I began to wonder why some parts of the country like slow dance music and others prefer it so fast you'd think it a 100-yard track event in a stadium. So during a recent visit to New York City I called upon one of my favorite dance bands, Guy Lombardo, playing at the Roosevelt Hotel. Incidentally, Guy plays a style that makes me the happiest, so I plied him with questions.

Lombardo is a gracious and modest person and answers questions most fairly. But this matter of speed all seems to boil down to the individual taste of each orchestra leader. They play in the style and tempo they themselves most enjoy. So if you hear all the numbers dragged throughout the evening, or all stepped-up fast-and-furious, remember the leader likes it that way. Of course if you have the luck to run into a maestro who plays the happy medium, you can not only like it too but you can't help liking the orchestra leader.

Alternating with Guy Lombardo at the Roosevelt is Walter Perner, master of an interesting little six-piece orchestra consisting of piano, guitar, trumpet, bass violin, saxophone and drums. Perner himself takes care of the piano parts and keeps a swell tempo with a variety of numbers including waltzes, rhumbas and foxtrots at each session. There's always a rush to the dance-floor when Perner starts to play.

Another evening I went to see Vaughn Monroe who plays at the Commodore Hotel. Now Vaughn is an exponent of the slow tempo which we discussed. But Vaughn has a little different slant on slow tempos. He calls it "conversational dancing" and says it goes over strongly with the boys in uniform. They prefer talking with their pretty little girl friends on the dance floor to making a business of dancing, and as I watched them moving about relaxedly, this seemed very true.

In most hotel ballrooms these days the majority of visitors are boys from the services—soldiers, sailors, officers, marines, flyers and parachute jumpers—all with Sweet Young Things in their arms and talking incessantly as they slowly roam the dance-floor. Maybe there is something in a slow tempo that I've been overlooking. There is one style of dance band that I definitely do not care about, and that's the loud, blaring, brassy kind that practically blasts you bodily off the dancing floor and knocks out your eardrums at the same time. And too, mostly in hot swing, when they improvise so much that you can't recognize the music you are trying to follow. I just don't like that. I'll take my music soft and sweet (paging Mr. Lombardo) and I prefer to know what number I'm stepping to, whether waltz, polka, fox trot or square dance. Some of the numbers seem like St. Vitus dance.

Another enjoyable dance orchestra is Bob Grant's in the Persian Room at the Plaza Hotel where the charming Hildegarde is featured nightly. But it is decidedly not only in big cities like New York but in those of many states that I have found dancing most popular. I note Boston, Jacksonville, Miami, Atlanta, New Orleans, Dallas and Fort Worth, Kansas City, Memphis, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Denver, San Francisco, the Los Angeles area, Salt Lake City.

Bands whose dance-music I've enjoyed most, past and present, are Coon-Sanders at the Muehlebach Grill in Kansas City, Joe Reichmann at the Peabody in Memphis, Tenn., Abe Lyman at the Copacabana in New York, Ted Lewis at the Roosevelt in New Orleans, Meyer Davis at the St. Regis in New York, Xavier Cugat at the Waldorf in New York, Ray Noble at the Rainbow Room in New York, Henry Busse at the St. Francis in San Francisco, Gus Arnheim at the Ambassador in Los Angeles, Eddie Duchin in the Old Central Park Casino, New York; Glen Gray in the Palmer House, Chicago; Horace Heidt at the Westborough Country Club in St. Louis, Freddie Martin at the Baker in Dallas, Malneck at Ciro's in Hollywood, Wayne King at numerous places scattered throughout The American Scene, Kay Kyser, Jimmy Dorsey, George Olsen.

Just what will come out of the war to put novelty and drama into the nation's orchestras is anybody's guess who has imagination. My own reaction is that we shall have much that is new in dance music, with inspiration drawn from many places and many happenings in Europe. War touches everything.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

The Sunday School Lesson For Dec. 31
Text: Matthew 16:13-20; II Peter 3:11-18; I John 3:1-3

By William E. Gilroy, D. D.

The fact that Christmas day and New Year's day are a week apart in our calendar is a stumping problem for those who think that every detail in religion and life must be defined with mathematical exactness, for it is obvious that if every thing had worked out in that way the two would fall upon the same day. We reckon our years, ostensibly, from the birth of Christ, and we celebrate on Christmas day the birth of Christ, so that New Year's and Christmas, in a world of detailed exactness, ought to be the same day.

But they are not; and our lack of knowledge about the exact day, and even the exact year, of the birth of Christ might well lead us to question whether God did not intend it that way, lest we become so much concerned with the outward and non-essential facts about the life of Jesus that we neglect the essential, and soul-saving facts concerning His life and teaching. How exact, in contrast with the lack of knowledge about the outward facts, is our knowledge of the indefiniteness of His example as He went about doing good, and the explicitness of His teaching! Here we have all we need for guidance and salvation.

The error, or lack of knowledge, that gives us a whole week between Christmas and New Year's, has an advantage that God might have well have ordained. It lifts us to the very height of all that we can contemplate, in the richness of God's gift to man, and leaves us a week of meditation and reflection before we enter upon the New Year.

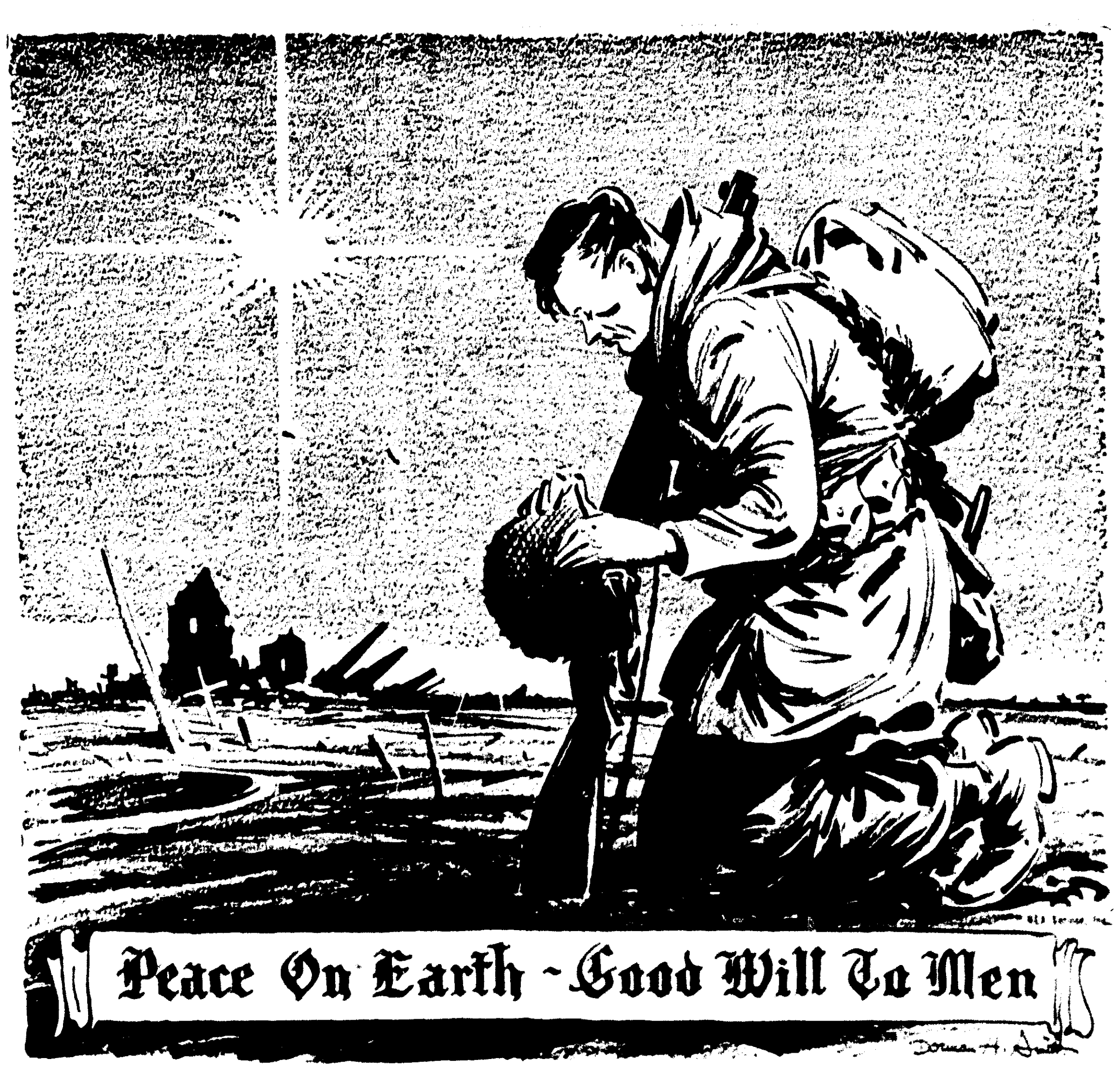
Only a cold and prosaic soul could be unmoved at the passing of the old year and the coming of the new. It is not a year that is passing—just a day, for the transition from December 31 to January 1 is not different from that which transpires at any midnight. But there is an immense psychological difference. Inevitably we think of time in its artificial divisions and the "year" marking a full cycle in the earth's movement, in the age-long experience of man has marked a similar cycle in his inward life. "The days of our years," "we spend our years"—the reference to life in terms of years is all through literature, secular and sacred.

It is not strange, then, that the coming of each New Year brings to every normal person a thrill of expectancy, if also a pang of regret for past failure and for the inevitable, impending death that is appointed to all men. It is then, if we have anything of the seriousness of the ancient Psalmist, that we pray, "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

The changing years would be full of gloom and despair, if there were not the realization of something that is unchanging, and that survives all the wrecks of time. Paul appealed to the Corinthians, in the words of the Golden Text, to be steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." That is a great assurance, and Paul based it on the fact of the Resurrection.

But Paul said, too, that we may build upon the foundation of Christ wood, hay, stubble—the things that can be destroyed; so we must build upon the true foundation true works. As we pass to the New Year let us seek to know God, and to find the meaning of eternal life, which is God's gift.

STILL THE PRAYER THE WORLD NEEDS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IN WASHINGTON

By Peter Edson
(Monroe Morning World Washington Correspondent)

On the general assumption that when Congress bites itself, that's news, there is more than passing interest in the fact that the year-end report of the Senate's Military Affairs sub-committee on War Contracts comes out flatly to assert that:

"As measured against the background of our economic needs, the post-war laws that have been enacted add up to very little. The balance sheet shows that the Seventy-Eighth Congress never came to grips with the problem of providing an economic substitute for war production."

Listing what has been done, this committee consisting of Senators Murray, Truman and Revercomb reports that the three major acts on which the Congress centered its attention—contract termination, surplus property disposal, war mobilization and reconversion—are important transition measures, but nothing more. Ideas expressed at the time—that these acts were all that were needed to assure a high level of post-war employment—are flouted. "None of them," says the sub-committee report, "even aims at providing the basis for a sound post-war economy."

Failures Of Congress Cited

Additional legislation passed by the Congress just now folding up is listed as an inadequate G. I. Bill of Rights and a miscellaneous assortment of flood control, rivers and harbors and public roads measures.

Shortcomings of the Congress with respect to post-war legislation are listed as postponing action to develop river basins of the country, accomplishment of little in the way of post-war tax programs; failure to do anything about discriminatory freight rates, promotion of foreign trade, setting on policy for dealing with monopolies and cartels, or mapping plans for dealing with the fundamental post-war problems of labor relations, wages and prices.

Coming from Congress itself, that is a pretty severe indictment, but it is a pretty complete appraisal of what was not done during the past session and what there is to be done in the 79th Congress, convening in January.

The political campaign and the election of course interfered with concentrated effort during the summer and fall while the developments of the war, particularly the recent increased demands for war production, have made any thinking about post-war planning seem rather premature.

But there will be disagreement from other quarters of Congress that so little has been accomplished. While the congressmen themselves looked homeward to see what could be done about getting re-elected, committee staffs did keep their eyes on the ball to the extent they could.

George Committee To Continue

The permanent help of the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation, aided by Treasury Department experts, has been working for months on post-war tax plans, should be ready to report shortly after the new Congress convenes.

For the future, Senator Walter F. George's Committee on Post-war Economic Policy does not expire with the end of the 78th Congress and has sufficient appropriation to continue its labors in the 79th, which the chairman intends to do, working wherever possible through standing committees of the Senate. Its chief of staff is Meyer Jacobstein, of Brookings Institution.

The companion committee headed by Representative W. M. Colmer in the House, has its plans a little further mapped out, is holding hearings in Chicago on agriculture and mining, plans further investigations into the fields of foreign trade, public works, demobilization, reemployment and unemployment insurance. Head of its staff are Marion B. Folsom and A. D. H. Kaplan of the committee for economic development.

The real back of planning comes in the executive departments of the government. Every agency has its own research group at work on big post-war plans, but there has been no centralized direction of planning since the national resources planning board was abolished by Congress.

There is a golden opportunity for the president to pull a post-war rabbit out of his hat in his message to the new Congress, but as commander in chief he may have other things to do.

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MASONIC LODGE HOLDS ELECTION

Graham Surghnor Lodge No. 383, F. and A. M. have elected F. V. Allison worshipful master.

Others elected are: William Mintz, senior warden; S. W. Raby, junior warden; J. S. Washburn, treasurer; Henry Haas, secretary; J. R. Humble, chaplain; A. C. Warner, senior deacon; L. W. Kencke, junior deacon; J. R. White, master-of-ceremonies; T. W. Ware, tyler; P. M. Hinton, and A. M. Kite, stewards.

The election was held December 13.

WATCH PARTY IS SCHEDULED HERE

The New Years eve watch party, scheduled for December 31 will be held Saturday, December 30 at the USO.

The atmosphere will be festive and gay with the WINGS attired in formal dress. Favors appropriate to the season are to be distributed; serpentine and confetti will add to the gala occasion.

Sgt. Joe Iorio and his Selman Field orchestra will play. All WINGS, WACS and service men are cordially invited to attend this very special holiday dance.

War Notebook

By Hal Boyle

IN BELGIUM VILLAGE, Dec. 19—(Delayed)—(AP)—Over hills crowded with gray patches of tired snow and rustling green cedar trees came the faint boom of German guns.

In the morning the sound was no louder than the soft thud of a falling snowball, but as the day wore on it became louder. It beat irregularly like a weary heart. It grew louder. Then, although it still was miles away, it became so loud that windows rattled faintly in the long, white-walled hospital room and the major looked up from his task.

He was a medical officer and there was no one else in the room but a neat nurse—a young lieutenant with brown hair and disturbing hazel eyes.

They were sitting on cots checking patients' charts. But the patients themselves were gone. They all had been "walking cases"—patients able to move on to the convalescent hospitals in the rear.

Only few moments before they had hurriedly bundled together shaving kits and toilet articles and left. They had taken their jangled nerves, upset stomachs, clogged bronchial tubes and infected throats further back out of the fighting zone. They were sick men who had given up their neat beds for wounded men who would mark them with blood.

"We must get these out of the way before they start bringing them in," said the major, nodding toward a small stack of patients' charts needing final notations.

"Yes," said the nurse, arranging them with the swift skill of one who has done the same task a hundred times.

"We won't keep any patients here from now on except those too desperately wounded to be moved," said the major, explaining what use would be made of this quiet room which war had turned from a Belgian schoolroom into a hospital ward.

"We'll be plenty busy when they start to arrive.

"You know, the Germans already have overrun two of our hospitals. In the first one we got our own people out all right but we lost all of our equipment—yes, all of our equipment."

The major, a middle-aged man with a [illegible], repeated that last phrase. You could tell how much it hurt him for all these thousands of yards of white bandages, those chests of precious medicines, those shining scalpels of sharp, scarce steel, to fall into enemy hands.

"We don't know what happened to the second hospital the Germans took," said the major. "So far no one has come back. We just don't know yet."

The major knew that some medics had been in that line of 120 men which one German armored column had ordered into a field and machine gunned. There was no fear in his eyes nor in the eyes of the nurse. But they both knew that if the Germans broke through to this village there would be no escape for them. They couldn't leave the helpless wounded men who would die without their care.

The major looked down the room as he finished the last chart. Blankets were folded neatly on waiting cots. From one pillow stuck the dogeared page of a broken-backed, two-bit detective novel left by a man who never would see the next man to read it.

"Everything is ready—we should start getting them soon," said the major.

"Yes," said the nurse quietly.

American and German guns boomed in distant hills—and the beds were waiting.

K. OF C. PLAN TO HAVE OPEN HOUSE

The Monroe Council No. 1337, Knights of Columbus, will hold open house for their members and families this afternoon at their council hall at the corner of Wood and Hart streets, starting at 3 p. m. Everyone is urged to attend.

A social meeting honoring the new members received into the order on December 10, was held last Thursday night and a large group enjoyed the activities of the evening.

The officers and members of Monroe council wish to take this means of extending to their members and families and to all their friends a happy holiday season.

New York Day By Day

By CHARLES B. DRISCOLL
Title Reg. U. S. Patent Office

NEW YORK—Christmas, and the choirs are singing.

"Glory to God in the Highest; peace on earth."

Well, God in the Highest must think we humans have rather an original notion of how to glorify Him.

Here is man, a little lower than the angels, engaged in the colossal effort to destroy himself.

If the multitude of the heavenly host that brought the message of peace on earth on the first Christmas are not busy on some far and fairer planet today, there should be some interesting conversation in heaven.

"See them slaughtering each other down there on the earth! And isn't that the planet to which we took the good news?"

"Yes, I remember that night. Mighty cold it was, and we sang for the sheep herders in a snowstorm that was something to write home about."

"Let's sing that song again, just for old time's sake. Loud and clear, and beam it to earth. It might make those humans ashamed of themselves. All together now, sing!"

"Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace to men of good will!"

"Come on now, you baritones! We'll give them all the versions and in all their languages, including Esperanto!"

"Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth; good will to men!"

I can imagine the singing going on for hours, with the spoken word by Gabriel, the announcer.

At the close of the program, Gabriel, tired and discouraged, thanks his multitudinous choir, and says, "No use. They can't hear us.

"Maybe it's because of the noise they're making with their buzz-bombs, rockets, torpedoes and 88s.

"Or maybe earth isn't on the beam any more. I understand that the reception department is taking in millions of humans, killed by each other."

Says Gabriel: "I have my trumpet ready to call time on those creatures whenever I get the word. It can't be long now. I have seen the abomination of desolation, standing in the Holy Place, not in one town, but in thousands of them, down there. Nation has risen up against nation, and they're even destroying the earth itself, wasting all its minerals and crops, in an effort to destroy one another.

I've been practicing the call of doom, and you'll see me give a good performance."

"Let's sing anyway."
This time it sounds like:
"O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant . . .
Come let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord."

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BIBLE THOUGHT

And all the trees of the field shall know that I the Lord have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree to flourish.—Ezekiel 17:24.

Under whose feet (subjected to His grace), sit nature, fortune, motion, time, and place.—Tasso.

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'On Earth, Peace'

Throughout the world today and tomorrow Americans once more will celebrate Christmas, in their own homes and churches, before the altars of strange churches in strange lands, on tropic beaches and snowy battlefields, in barracks and hospitals and prison camps.

For a little time their immediate feelings of anxiety or pain or loneliness will be crowded out by the emotions of love and fellowship which Christmas always kindles. Wherever they are there will be the old carols, and the old familiar story with its triumphant hymn of the angelic host, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men."

Slowly, through the defeat and despair and cynicism, the Christian world has struggled over the centuries to transmute those words into reality. And two thousand years of failure, made bitter by this present and most tragic failure, cannot erase the hope that those words arouse.

Today the struggle is not symbolical but fiercely literal. The war is in a real sense a crusade. For the Christian world is battling cruel and pagan enemies whose goal has been the destruction of peace and good will and the substitution of a slavery of body and spirit masquerading as something called Co-Prosperity and the New Order.

But it is Christmas, and we know Death is not the Lord of all, but Life.

So turn away the eyes a little while from the fields of carnage and toward the star-roofed field where the shepherds tended their flocks. Turn away the eyes a little while from the skies filled with destruction and horror and turn them toward the skies where the angels sang of peace. Turn them away from the oceans where roaring guns and bursting bombs redden their waters with human blood and toward the blue Galilean Sea by whose shore walked the Man who brings life and brings it more abundantly. Turn the eyes away from the great cities of Berlin, Rome and Tokyo, and from your own home, whether it be in Monroe or elsewhere, and toward the little village of Bethlehem.

And turn the heart away from bitter thoughts of a would-be conquerer of the earth, ambition ridden and hate-inspired, and toward tender thoughts of the love-inspired and love-inspiring carpenter who conquered earth and heaven. Turn again today to that story which has come down through two thousand years to comfort souls and soften sorrow and ease pain and inspire hope, and which will live after all the fierce pagan sagas have died not only in man's memories but in men's hearts.

The Story of the Nativity is an inspirational message which is particularly fitting at this period when the world is wracked by war and strife. Turn again to the story that runs:

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world would be taxed.

(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David).

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field. Keeping watch over their flocks by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us go unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

If, after victory in Europe, American soldiers go to school while awaiting transportation home, it is a safe prediction that their minds will not be on their studies.

The man who formerly sent boxes of cigars to his friends for Christmas is numbered among the troubled shoppers this year.

France is to have a voice with the Big Three powers in dealing with Germany. All De Gaulle has to do is out-talk Winston and Joe.

Jimmie Fidler
IN HOLLYWOOD

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 23.—Headlined in one of today's trade papers are two stories that bear close relationship. Story number one announces that neighborhood theaters in certain areas, principally along the Atlantic seaboard, are again giving away dishes and other premiums in order to lure patrons. Story number two concerns an industry-wide drive to reduce production costs.

It looks like the picnic is about over—and I, for one, will be glad to see it end.

For the past three years, Hollywood has been reveling in unheard-of prosperity. John and Jane Public, greedy for entertainment and possessed of ample spending money, have rushed to see every movie offered them, irrespective of its quality. Hollywood producers would be super-human, under those conditions, if they hadn't (1) let production costs run wild and (2) grown careless, now and then, about the quality of their product.

Certainly no one even remotely connected with the film industry wants to see a return of the starvation days of the middle 'thirties. But neither can anyone interested in the constant increase of movie quality want to see present conditions continue indefinitely. Hollywood is making many fine pictures, but it can better its average appreciably—and will, the minute it is forced to do so by more discriminate shopping on the part of the public. Profit is still a more compelling movie than pride of craftsmanship.

My Number One heroine this week is Loretta Young. About six months ago, she discovered that her maid, one Virginia Paris, had both a magnificent singing voice and a fervent ambition for a career. Miss Young promptly launched a campaign in her behalf. First, she secured for the maid an opportunity to give a concert at the Hollywood Canteen, next she procured for her an agent. The net results is that Miss Paris has gone from triumph to triumph and now is well on her way to stardom. As was to be expected, she had to quit her job with Loretta, who, to date, has been unable to find a replacement. Any lady, in these troubled times, who deliberately deprives herself of an A-1 maid, deserves a Croix de Merite with Palms.

Lupe Velez' death was a terrible, and a most regretable, tragedy. It was also a grim object lesson to the thousands of giddy young things throughout America who seem to believe that stardom, in itself, is a guarantee against unhappiness. The sad fact is (and it's been demonstrated countless times by the lives of famous stars) that all of the wealth and fame that Hollywood can bestow fail to create personal happiness unless the recipient follows the same, sane rules of conduct that bring happiness in any other walks of life.

I was so interested by the rough treatment Life Magazine gave Jeanette MacDonald in reviewing her recent debut with the Chicago Grand Opera Company that I took time out and collected the reviews written by the professional music editors of the big Chicago papers. Not one of them hailed Miss MacDonald's voice as great, but all of them gave her excellent, over-all, reviews—better by far than many of the reviews they have given in the past to recognized opera stars. Checking their complete articles against excerpts reprinted in Life, it seems apparent that the editors of that magazine consistently deleted the praise and used only the criticisms—a policy which they seem to be following in subsequent references to Miss MacDonald's performance. Under the circumstances, I think that Life has done a much better job of proving its own lack of fairness than it has of damaging the singer's professional reputation.

Remember how Greer Garson, about a year ago, kicked over the traces at MGM and threatened a one-woman rebellion unless studio bosses quit jeopardizing her popularity by making her play old ladies? Well, I wonder what she thinks about her pet beef, now that nine different polls have named her the No. 1 box office star of the year, despite the fact that Metro yielded not one inch to her demands? It occurs to me that she might order crow for Christmas instead of turkey, and eat it with joyous thanksgiving.

You—if you happen to be even a garden variety psychologist—can pretty well judge the state of our foreign affairs by asking the first six foreign actors you meet where they came from. Fifteen years ago, when Hollywood was slavishly following German film techniques, any actor with a Teutonic accent boasted that he had come here from Berlin. Today, Hollywoodites with German gutterals in their speech, say they're from Vienna.

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The American Scene

By I. C. BRENNER

'ON WITH THE DANCE'

Although dancing is third on my list of recreational pleasures, I cannot always find a golf course or a congenial bridge table, so while traveling about the country—well—I dance. There's always a chance for that. I have stepped to all the big name bands in the land and to a large majority of unknown local ones, some whose tempo is slow as cold molasses, others so fast that I wonder why. Few orchestras seem to hit the happy medium. I began to wonder why some parts of the country like slow dance music and others prefer it so fast you'd think it a 600-yard track event in a stadium. So during a recent visit to New York City I called upon one of my favorite dance bands—Guy Lombardo playing at the Roosevelt Hotel. Incidentally, Guy plays a style that makes me the happiest, so I plied him with questions.

Lombardo is a gracious and modest person and answers questions most fairly. But this matter of speed all seems to boil down to the individual taste of each orchestra leader. They play in the style and tempo they themselves most enjoy. So if you hear all the numbers dragged throughout the evening, or all stepped-up fast-and-furious, remember the leader likes it that way. Of course if you have the luck to run into a maestro who plays the happy medium, you can not only like it too, but you can't help liking the orchestra leader.

Alternating with Guy Lombardo at the Roosevelt is Walter perner, master of an interesting little six-piece orchestra consisting of piano, guitar, trumpet, bass violin, saxophone and drums. Perner himself takes care of the piano parts and keeps a swell tempo with a variety of numbers including waltzes, rhumbas and foxtrots at each session. There's always a rush to the dance-floor when Perner starts to play.

Another evening I went to see Vaughn Monroe who plays at the Commodore Hotel. Now Vaughn is an exponent of the slow tempo which we discussed. But Vaughn has a little different slant on slow tempos. He calls it "conversational dancing" and says it goes over strongly with the boys in uniform. They prefer talking with their pretty little girl friends on the dance floor to making a business of dancing—and as I watched them moving about relaxedly, this seemed very true.

In most hotel ballrooms these days the majority of visitors are boys from the services—soldiers, sailors, officers, marines, flyers and parachute jumpers—all with Sweet Young Things in their arms and talking incessantly as they slowly roam the dance-floor. Maybe there is something in a slow tempo that I've been overlooking. There is one style of dance band that I definitely do not care about, and that's the loud, blaring, brassy kind that practically blasts you bodily off the dancing floor and knocks out your eardrums at the same time. And too, mostly in hit swing, when they improvise so much that you can't recognize the music you are trying to follow. I just don't like that. I'll take my music soft and sweet (paging Mr. Lombardo) and I prefer to know what number I'm stepping to, whether waltz, polka, minuet or square dance. Some of the numbers seem like St. Vitus dance.

Another enjoyable dance orchestra is Bob Grant's in the Persian Room at the Plaza Hotel, where the charming Hildegarde is featured nightly. But it is decidedly not only in big cities like New York, but in those of many states that I have found dancing most popular. I note Boston, Jacksonville, Miami, Atlanta, New Orleans, Dallas and Fort Worth, Kansas City, Memphis, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Denver, San Francisco, the Los Angeles area, Salt Lake City.

Bands whose dance-music I've enjoyed most, past and present, are Coon-Saunders at the Muehlebach Grill in Kansas City; Joe Reichmann at the Peabody in Memphis, Tenn., Abe Lyman at the Copacabana in New York, Ted Lewis at the Roosevelt in New Orleans, Meyer Davis at the St. Regis in New York, Xavier Cugat at the Waldorf in New York, Ray Noble at the Rainbow Room in New York, Henry Busse at the St. Francis in San Francisco, Gus Arnheim at the Ambassador in Los Angeles, Eddie Duchin in the Old Central Park Casino, New York; Glen Gray in the Palmer House, Chicago; Horace Heidt at the Westborough Country Club in St. Louis, Freddie Martin at the Baker in Dallas, Malnick at Ciro's in Hollywood, Wayne King at numerous places scattered throughout The American Scene, Kay Kyser, Jimmy Dorsey, George Olsen.

Just what will come out of the war to put novelty and drama into the nation's orchestras is anybody's guess who has imagination. My own reaction is that we shall have much that is new in dance music, with inspiration drawn from many places and many happenings in Europe. War touches everything.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

The Sunday School Lesson For Dec. 31 Text: Matthew 16:13-20; II Peter 3:14-18; I John 3:1-3

By William E. Gilroy, D. D.

The fact that Christmas day and New Year's day are a week apart in our calendar is a stumping problem for those who think that every detail in religion and life must be defined with mathematical exactness; for it is obvious that if every thing had worked out in that way the two would fall upon the same day. We reckon our years, ostensibly, from the birth of Christ, and we celebrate on Christmas day the birth of Christ, so that New Year's and Christmas, in a world of detailed exactness, ought to be the same day.

But they are not; and our lack of knowledge about the exact day, and even the exact year, of the birth of Christ might well lead us to question whether God did not intend it that way, lest we become so much concerned with the outward and non-essential facts about the life of Jesus that we neglect the essential, and soul-saving facts concerning His life and teaching. How exact, in contrast with the lack of knowledge about the outward facts, is our knowledge of the indefiniteness of His example as He went about doing good, and the explicitness of His teaching! Here we have all we need for guidance and salvation.

The error, or lack of knowledge, that gives us a whole week between Christmas and New Year's, has an advantage that God might have well have ordained. It lifts us to the very height of all that we can contemplate, in the richness of God's gift to man, and leaves us a week of meditation and reflection before we enter upon the New Year.

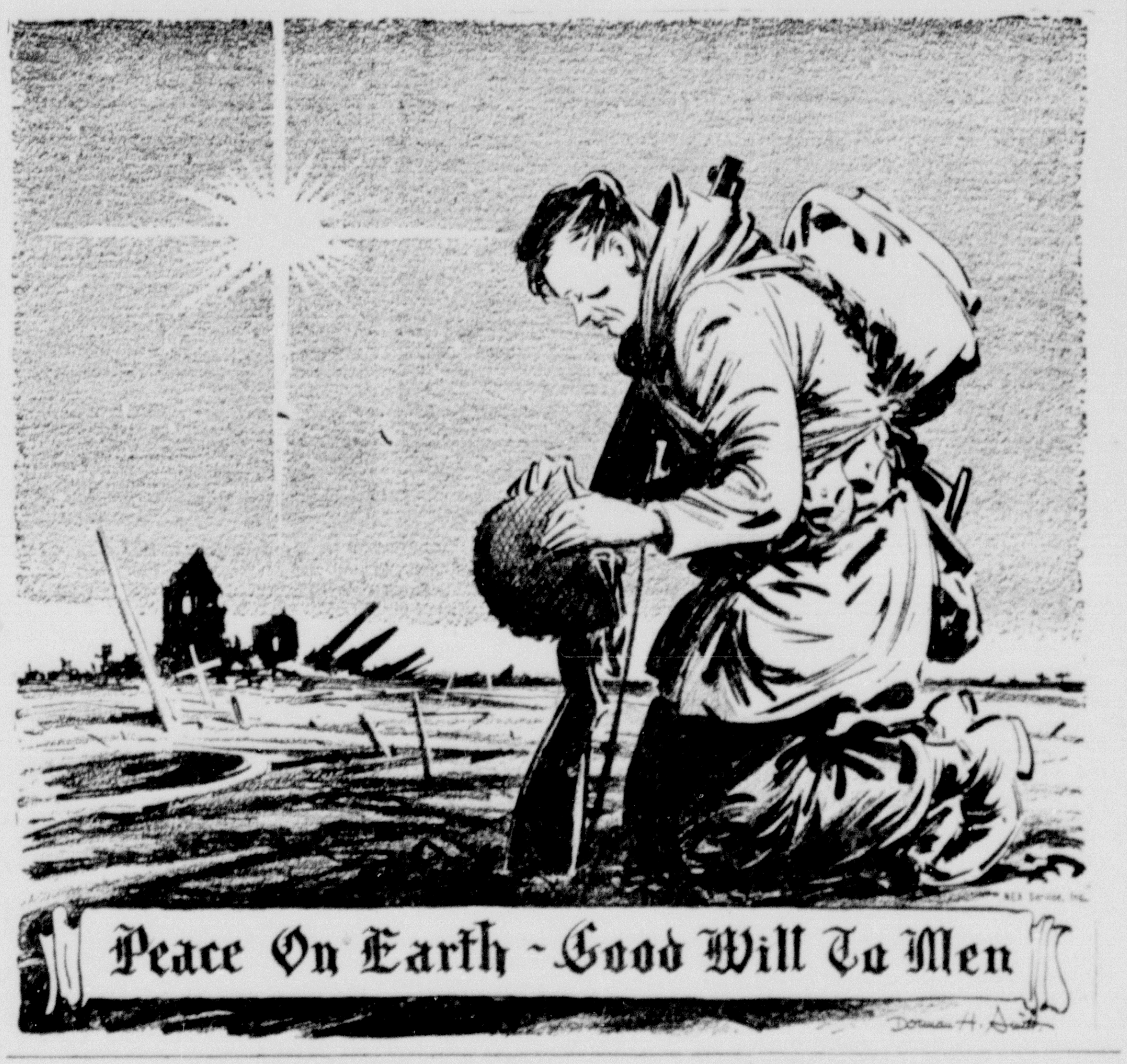
Only a cold and prosaic soul could be unmoved at the passing of the old year and the coming of the new. It is not a year that is passing—just a day, for the transition from December 31 to January 1 is not different from that which transpires at any midnight. But there is an immense psychological difference. Inevitably we think of time in its artificial divisions, and the "year" marking a full cycle in the earth's movement, in the age-long experience of man has marked a similar cycle in his inward life. "The days of our years," "we spend our years"—the reference to life in terms of years is all through literature, secular and sacred.

It is not strange, then, that the coming of each New Year brings to every normal person a thrill of expectancy, if also a pang of regret for past failure and for the inevitable, impending death that is appointed to all men. It is then, if we have anything of the seriousness of the ancient Psalmist, that we pray, "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

The changing years would be full of gloom and despair, if there were not the realization of something that is unchanging, and that survives all the wrecks of time. Paul appealed to the Corinthians, in the words of the Golden Text, to be steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." That is a great assurance, and Paul based it on the fact of the Resurrection.

But Paul said, too, that we may build upon the foundation of Christ wood, hay, stubble—the things that can be destroyed; so we must build upon the true foundation true works. As we pass to the New Year let us seek to know God, and to find the meaning of eternal life, which is God's gift.

STILL THE PRAYER THE WORLD NEEDS



IN WASHINGTON

By Peter Edson
(Monroe Morning World Washington Correspondent)

On the general assumption that when Congress bites itself, that's news, there is more than passing interest in the fact that the year-end report of the Senate's Military Affairs sub-committee on War Contracts comes out flatly to assert that:

"As measured against the background of our economic needs, the post-war laws that have been enacted add up to very little. The balance sheet shows that the Seventy-Eighth Congress never came to grips with the problem of providing an economic substitute for war production."

Listing what has been done, this committee consisting of Senators Murray, Truman and Revercomb reports that the three major acts on which the Congress centered its attention—contract termination, surplus property disposal, war mobilization and reconversion—are important transition measures, put nothing more. Ideas expressed at the time—that these acts were all that were needed to assure a high level of post-war employment—are flouted. "None of them," says the sub-committee report, "even aims at providing the basis for a sound post-war economy."

Failures Of Congress Cited

Additional legislation passed by the Congress just now folding up is listed as an inadequate G. I. Bill of Rights and a miscellaneous assortment of flood control, rivers and harbors and public roads measures.

Shortcomings of the Congress with respect to post-war legislation are listed as postponing action to develop river basins of the country, accomplishment of little in the way of post-war tax programs; failure to do anything about discriminatory freight rates, promotion of foreign trade, settling on policy for dealing with monopolies and cartels, or mapping plans for dealing with the fundamental post-war problems of labor relations, wages and prices.

Coming from Congress itself, that is a pretty severe indictment, but it is a pretty complete appraisal of what was not done during the past session and what there is to be done in the 79th Congress, convening in January.

The political campaign and the election of course interfered with concentrated effort during the summer and fall while the developments of the war, particularly the recent increased demands for war production, have made any thinking about post-war planning seem rather premature.

But there will be disagreement from other quarters of Congress that so little has been accomplished. While the congressmen themselves looked homeward to see what could be done about getting re-elected, committee staffs did keep their eyes on the ball to the extent they could.

George Committee To Continue

The permanent help of the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation, aided by Treasury Department experts, has been working for months on post-war tax plans, should be ready to report shortly after the new Congress convenes.

For the future, Senator Walter F. George's Committee on Post-war Economic Policy does not expire with the end of the 78th Congress and has sufficient appropriation to continue its labors in the 79th, which the chairman intends to do, working wherever possible through standing committees of the Senate. Its chief of staff is Meyer Jacobstein, of Brookings Institution.

The companion committee, headed by Representative W. M. Colmer in the House, has its plans a little further mapped out, is holding hearings in Chicago on agriculture and mining, plans further investigations into the fields of foreign trade, public works, demobilization, re-employment and unemployment insurance. Head of its staff are Marion B. Folsom and A. D. H. Kaplan of the committee for economic development.

The real lack of planning comes in the executive departments of the government. Every agency has its own research group at work on big post-war plans, but there has been no centralized direction of planning since the national resources planning board was abolished by Congress.

There is a golden opportunity for the president to pull a post-war rabbit out of his hat in his message to the new Congress, but as commander in chief he may have other things to do.

MASONIC LODGE HOLDS ELECTION

Graham Surghnor lodge No. 383, F. and A. M. have elected F. V. Allison worshipful master.

Others elected are: William Mintz, senior warden; S. W. Raby, junior warden; J. S. Washburn, treasurer; Henry Haas, secretary; J. R. Humble, chaplain; A. C. Warner, senior deacon; L. W. Kencke, junior deacon; J. R. White, master-of-ceremonies; T. W. Ware, tyler; P. M. Hinton, and A. M. Kite, stewards.

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9:00—Take It or Leave It CBS
9:30—We, The People CBS
10:00—News of the World CBS
10:15—Old Fashioned Revival Hour Local
11:15—CBS Christmas Carol CBS
12:00—Christmas Eve Service Local
12:05—Midnight Frolic Local
1:00—News Local
1:05—Sine

WATCH PARTY IS SCHEDULED HERE

The New Years eve watch party, scheduled for December 31 will be held Saturday, December 30 at the USO.

The atmosphere will be festive and gay with the WINGS attired in formal dress. Favors appropriate to the season are to be distributed; serpentine and confetti will add to the gala occasion.

Sgt. Joe Iorio and his Selman Field orchestra will play. All WINGS, WACS and service men are cordially invited to attend this very special holiday dance.

War Notebook

By Hal Boyle

IN BELGIUM VILLAGE, Dec. 19.—(Delayed)—(AP)—Over hills crowded with gray patches of tired snow and rustling green cedar trees came the faint boom of German guns.

In the morning the sound was no louder than the soft thud of a falling snowball, but as the day wore on it became louder. It beat irregularly like a weary heart. It grew louder. Then, although it still was miles away, it became so loud that windows rattled faintly in the long, white-walled hospital room and the major looked up from his task.

He was a medical officer, and there was no one else in the room but a neat nurse—a young lieutenant with brown hair and disturbing hazel eyes.

They were sitting on cots, checking patients' charts. But the patients themselves were gone. They all had been "walking cases"—patients able to move on to the convalescent hospitals in the rear.

Only few moments before, they had hurriedly bundled together shaving kits and toilet articles and left. They had taken their jangled nerves, upset stomachs, clogged bronchial tubes and infected throats further back—out of the fighting zone. They were sick men who had given up their neat beds for wounded men who would mark them with blood.

"We first get these out of the way before they start bringing them in," said the major, nodding toward a small stack of patients' charts needing final notations.

"Yes," said the nurse, arranging them with the swift skill of one who had done this same task a hundred times.

"We won't keep any patients here from now on except those too desperately wounded to be moved," said the major explaining what use would be made of this quiet room which war had turned from a Belgian schoolroom into a hospital ward.

"We'll be plenty busy when they start to arrive.

"You know, the Germans already have overrun two of our hospitals. In the first one we got our own people out all right but we lost all of our equipment—yes, all of our equipment."

The major—a middle-aged man, with a reddish moustache—repeated that last phrase. You could tell how much it hurt him for all those thousands of yards of white bandages, those chests of precious medicines, those shining scalpels of sharp, scarce steel, to fall into enemy hands.

"We don't know what happened to the second hospital the Germans took" said the major. "So far no one has come back. We just don't know yet."

The major knew that some medics had been in that line of 150 men which one German armored column had ordered into a field and machine gunned. There was no fear in his eyes nor in the eyes of the nurse. But they both knew that if the Germans broke through to this village there would be no escape for them. They couldn't leave the helpless wounded men who would die without their care.

The major looked down the room as he finished the last chart. Blankets were folded neatly on waiting cots. From one pillow stuck the dogeared page of a broken-backed, two-bit detective novel—left by a man who never would see the next man to read it.

"Everything is ready—we should start getting them soon," said the major.

"Yes" said the nurse quietly.

American and German guns boomed in distant hills—and the beds were waiting.

K. OF C. PLAN TO HAVE OPEN HOUSE

The Monroe Council No. 1337, Knights of Columbus, will hold open house for their members and families this afternoon at their council hall at the corner of Wood and Hart streets, starting at 3 p. m. Everyone is urged to attend.

A social meeting honoring the new members received into the order on December 10, was held last Thursday night and a large group enjoyed the activities of the evening.

The officers and members of Monroe council wish to take this means of extending to their members and families and to all their friends a happy holiday season.

New York Day By Day

By CHARLES B. DRISCOLL
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NEW YORK—Christmas, and the choirs are singing.

"Glory to God in the Highest; peace on earth."

Well, God in the Highest must think we humans have rather an original notion of how to glorify Him.

Here is man, a little lower than the angels, engaged in the colossal effort to destroy himself.

If the multitude of the heavenly host that brought the message of peace on earth on the first Christmas are not busy on some far and fairer planet today, there should be some interesting conversation in heaven.

"See them slaughtering each other down there on the earth! And isn't that the planet to which we took the good news?"

"Yes, I remember that night. Mighty cold it was, and we sang for the sheep herders in a snowstorm that was something to write home about."

"Let's sing that song again, just for old time's sake. Loud and clear, and beam it to earth. It might make those humans ashamed of themselves. All together now; sing!"

"Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace to men of good will!"

"Come on now, you baritones! We'll give them all the versions and in all their languages, including Esperanto!"

"Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth; good will to men!"

I can imagine the singing going on for hours, with the spoken word by Gabriel, the announcer.

At the close of the program, Gabriel, tired and discouraged, thanks his multitudinous choir, and says, "No use. They can't hear us.

"Maybe it's because of the noise they're making with their buzz-bombs, rockets, torpedoes and 88s.

"Or maybe earth isn't on the beam any more. I understand that the reception department is taking in millions of humans, killed by each other."

Says Gabriel: "I have my trumpet ready to call time on those creatures whenever I get the word. It can't be long now. I have seen the abomination of desolation, standing in the Holy Place, not in one town, but in thousands of them, down there. Nation has risen up against nation, and they're even destroying the earth itself, wasting all its minerals and crops, in an effort to destroy one another.

I've been practicing the call of doom, and you'll see me give a good performance."

"Let's sing, anyway!"
This time, it sounds like:
"O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant . . .
Come let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!"

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SUNDAY

7:00—News Summary Blu
7:05—The Woodshedders Blu
7:30—News Up to the Moment Loca
7:45—Coffee Concerts Blu
8:00—Around the World Blu
8:15—Piano Moods Loca
8:30—Old-Fashioned Revival Loca
9:30—Texas Rangers Loca
10:00—A. A. F. Symphonic Flight Blu
10:30—UP News Loca
10:45—Christmas Carols Loca
11:00—Catholic Church Loca
12:00—John B. Kennedy, News Blu
12:15—George Hicks, Reporting Blu
12:30—Serenade with Sammy Kaye Blu
12:55—Sunday News Extra Blu
1:00—Pro Football Championship Blu
1:30—Hymn Time Loca
2:00—Charlotte Greenwood Revue Blu
2:30—Miss Hattie Blu
3:00—Darts for Dough Blu
3:30—Set to Music Blu
4:00—Mary Small Revue Blu
4:15—President Roosevelt Blu
4:30—UP News Loca
4:45—Charlie Spivak's Orchestra Loca
5:00—Radio Hall of Fame Blu
6:00—Drew Pearson in Person Blu
6:15—Don Gardner, News Blu
6:30—Hits and Bits Loca
6:45—News in Review Loca
7:00—Gov. Jimmie Davis La. Ne
7:15—Great Moments in Sports Loca
7:20—Musical Interlude Loca
7:30—Stop or Go, Joe E. Brown Blu
8:00—Walter Winchell Blu
8:15—Hollywood Mystery Time Blu
8:45—Jimmy Fidler Blu
9:00—Life of Riley Blu
9:30—Tomorrow's Headlines Loca
9:45—Musical Revue Loca
10:15—Yanks in the Orient Blu
10:30—Roseland Ballroom Orchestra Blu
11:00—Chez Paree Blu
11:30—Xmas Carols, Midnight Mass Loca
1:00—Sine

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SUNDAY

7:00—News Summary NB
7:05—George Crook, Organist NB
7:30—Boone County Neighbors NB
8:00—World News Roundup NB
8:15—Commando Mary NB
8:30—String Quartet NB
9:00—National Radio Pulpit NB
9:30—Words and Music NB
10:00—The Eternal Light NB
10:30—News Highlights NB
10:45—Carolyn Gilbert NB
11:00—Baptist Church Loc
12:00—Organ Memories NBC
12:15—Recital NB
12:30—Chicago Round Table NB
12:40—Fashions on the Air Loc
1:00—News Loc
1:15—Virginia's Letter Loc
1:30—Dance Matinee NBC
2:00—News Loc
2:15—Dorothy Ross, Pianist Loc
2:30—The Army Hour NB
3:30—Music America Loves Best NB
4:00—General Motors Symphony NB
4:15—President Roosevelt NB
4:30—General Motors Symphony NB
5:00—Monroe Police Quartet Loc
6:00—Jack Benny NB
6:30—Fitch Bandwagon NB
7:00—Dickens' Christmas Carol Loc
8:00—News Loc
8:15—Fashions on the Air Loc
8:30—Christmas Gold Loc
9:15—Origin of Silent Night Loc
9:30—Santa Claus Rides Again Loc
10:00—News Summary NB
10:15—Story Behind Headlines NB
10:57—Helen Traubel NB
11:00—Christmas Service, Santa Fe NB
11:30—Episcopal Church Loc
12:00—Sine

BIBLE THOUGHT

And all the trees of the field sha know that I the Lord have broug down the high tree, have exalted th low tree, have dried up the gree tree, and have made the dry tree flourish.—Ezekiel 17:24.

Under whose feet (subjected to H grace), sit nature, fortune, motio time, and place.—Tasso.

500 WARRIORS

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event and the scene touches them nost as soon as they arrive.

They have come, not for a riotous eek-end but to observe a ceremony the place where peace on earth d good will toward men was heralded to the world.

OST OF NATION TO ET WHITE CHRISTMAS

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Shirtleeved Miami meteorologists promised ost of the country an old-fashioned hite Christmas today.

But they warned that Santa Claus ll find a jeep better transportation an a sleigh in the southern states d along the Pacific coast because ere won't be snow in those areas.

The United States weather bureau, s an eye these days for holidays d is ready to dress up a forecast en the occasion warrants, assigned the Miami office the job of preparing a report on the nation-wide outk.

By keeping their eyes on reports wing in from other offices and not ncing out of the window at bright nshine glistening on palm trees, the teorologists managed to prophesy kind of Christmas in the north that song-writer dreamed about.

They didn't use any of the old trite ecast phrases like rain and colder. her, in setting forth their promise language which brought to mind dlelit trees and gaily-wrapped ckages.

"A white Christmas is in prospect the northern two-thirds of the ted States southward through Via to the North Carolina mounns, in Tennessee, extreme northn Arkansas, the Texas-Oklahoma nhandle section, and including all the Rocky Mountain region westrd over the Sierra Nevada ranges," meteorologists wrote.

"The southern states will be bare snow, and also the Pacific coast tes except for the higher mountain ges.

"This would indicate that Santa l be able to use his sleigh and ndeer except in the southern states along the Pacific coast where k of a snow cover suggests that ding would be difficult, and the of a jeep would provide more quate transportation."

Only this year the weather bureau rted having one of its offices pre- [illegible] forecasts for [illegible] Miami dateline.

ISTMAS SPIRIT BY PASS EUROPE

LONDON, Dec. 23—(AP)—For the [illegible] straight year the Christmas [illegible] Europe [illegible] struggle and most of its hearth [illegible]

[illegible]

sels and Rome naturally feel far less disposed to celebrate.

Yet the people do not want to be—nor are they encouraged to be—morbidly gloomy. News of peace, the finest Christmas story, will be delayed, and at tragic cost, but its coming is inevitable.

As in the past, therefore, Americans and Britons here are exchanging courtesies, the former sharing the good things of their Red Cross clubs with children denied a normal family life, and the latter receiving U. S. service men into their homes.

Red Cross clubs are serving free turkey dinners and sponsoring parties, concerts, movies and dances. United seamen's service is taking care of many merchant sailors of the Allied nations.

Similar arrangements were made in several Belgian and French cities.

Apart from the frontline jolt, the British had troubles with the black market flourishing in poultry, liquor and toys. Only a relative small number of people are able to eat turkey, chicken or goose. Most could get only a piece of beef or pork.

Though winter holiday travel is not at a record level, travellers flocked to most London railroad stations early today in order to make the most of a vacation lasting until Wednesday. In England the day following Christmas—Boxing day—also is a holiday.

REPORT 700,000

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report systematically sent to the Lublin camp prisoners of war and civilians of foreign states from concentration camps in Germany, and then tortured and killed them.

The victims were said to have included Ukrainians, Poles, Czechoslovaks, Yugoslavs, Americans, Britons, Netherlanders, Italians and citizens of other states, including many Jews. The reports were confirmed, the commission said, by numerous statements of Soviet citizens and also by French prisoners of war who had been confined in the camps and were liberated by the Red army.

The commission reported that "children were selected and given to detachments of the Hitler youth as targets for shooting practice."

One French witness was quoted:

"In the camp where I arrived September 3, 1942, Englishmen were killed by sixty degrees. There was only one water tap in the camp for 12,000 people. Prisoners were only allowed to [illegible] a day.

[illegible]

[illegible] about 121 tons of gold from watches, teeth, etc.

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CIVIL WAR

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shell-damaged terminal station of the Piraeus-Athens interurban line.

It was feared that the main refrigerating plant for meat supplies of the whole capital district was seriously damaged in the fighting in this district north of Kallipolis peninsula.

Indian troops on the western side of Piraeus harbor consolidated their bridgehead, established this morning, and E. L. A. S. formations also were reported to have pulled out of the southern Athens suburbs west of the main Athens-Phaleron road. Newly formed Greek national guard detachments, whose strength as a result of a call-up now has reached nearly 9,000, took over control of this area.

The lowland from Piraeus eastward toward the line of the Ellisos river also is now declared completely free. In Fissariani and up to the stadium area at the back of Sappion Park, E. L. A. S. groups still are strongly entrenched, but the main move is now to the north where the E. L. A. S. evidently is regrouping with a view to securing its inland communications.

British Sherman tanks based on the slopes of Mt. Likabettos continued a stiff harassing bombardment throughout today on the E. L. A. S. concentrations in the northern suburbs of the capital. R. A. F. planes also participated.

Gen. Napoleon Zervas, commander of the right-wing E. D. E. S., sent an urgent message to the British for assistance, but thus far no help has been sent.

The leftist E. L. A. S., commanded by Gen. Stephanos Sarafis, were reported to have cut 25 miles through E. D. E. S. territory, by-passing Ioannina, which has served as Zervas headquarters.

Zervas, whose current strength is estimated at 12,000, notified the British he was resisting the attack from the north but expected to fall back into the Tomaros mountains to the south of Ioannina in central Epirus.

The communique said that at Caserta both generals "agreed to refrain from hostilities."

"General Scobie's orders had been obeyed scrupulously by General Zervas in spite of obvious concentrations of E. L. A. S. forces within his operational boundaries and he has taken no provocative action," the communique asserted.

Lt. Gen. R. M. Scobie, the British commander, was given the E. L. A. S. reply to his ultimatum during a 25-minute truce called last night.

While the terms of the reply were not made public, there were indications the E. L. A. S. had refused to agree flatly to Scobie's conditions.

Stamatis Mercouris, veteran politician and official who acted as a courier in carrying the E. L. A. S. message to the British, was reported to have made this statement in behalf of the leftwing E. A. M. party, whose military wing is the E. L. A. S.:

"We have [illegible] with Great Britain. If we [illegible] because we do not want British prestige to suffer in any way.

"The E. L. A. S. are ready to obey Britain's orders and hasten to [illegible] the fight against Germans."

(Athens radio said the reply was believed to have accepted Scobie's demand that the E. L. A. S. evacuate Attica, which embraces Athens and the port of Piraeus, and agreed to disarm its troops in the two cities under scrutiny of a joint British-Greek commission.)

GERMANS CLAIM

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methodical counterattack or counter-offensive."

German commentators generally claimed the fiercest fighting was around Stavelot, on Von Rundstedt's northern flank, Sertorius reporting that Allied tank attacks "are carried out with suicidal tenacity."

The Nazis resorted to an old trick of the 1940 blitzkrieg days, broadcasting what it claimed was a report from a Belgian radio urging citizens to evacuate a number of cities, including the industrial center of Charleroi. Refugee-choked roads would hamper Allied military traffic.

Sertorius said the winter offensive already had proved its worth by forcing the Allies to break off their own drive.

Calling Von Rundstedt's thrust "a daring enterprise," he added:

"But it must not be forgotten that it has an intact west wall to fall back on."

GOOD FELLOWS

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the past week for Good Fellows to perform, seeking out the deserving cases, buying food and clothing and packing large sacks with these articles. Hotel Monroe loaned the use of a large room where most of the packing was performed and it looked like Santa Claus' main offices when the work was in progress. Among the contributors of toys were Georgia Tucker School, Mitchell School, the Kiwanis Club, the L. B. Price Mercantile Co., Sears Roebuck and Company, May and Guthrie Hardware Company and the Perryville Mission [illegible].

As we have previously stated the public has been most generous and cooperative, and we wish to thank each and all for their kindness and we extend to all those who receive gifts through this means a most "Merry Christmas" and a Happy and Brighter New Year.

Polygamy is a form of marriage in which one husband [illegible] with several wives and [illegible] family with them and their children.

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DEATHS

MRS. SARAH A. NEAL

FERRIDAY, La., Dec. 23.—(Special)—The funeral of Mrs. Sarah A. Neal, 89, was held at Pleasant Hill, December 18. Young's Funeral Home was in charge.

Mrs. Neal was born and lived her entire life at Pleasant Hill, La. She was mother of 13 children of which 10 are survivors. Four daughters: Mrs. W. L. Entekin, Mrs. Nola Poole, both of Ferriday, La., Mrs. Rosalie Enterkin, Mrs. Lillie Boyd of Jena, La.; six sons, Mr. Rastus Neal, Mr. Men Neal, both of Jonesville, La., and Mr. Ransom Neal, Mr. Langston Neal, Mr. Oliver Neal and Mr. Millard Neal all of Jena, La., and 61 grandchildren, 65 great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. She lived to see 20 of her grandchildren enter the armed forces.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. James W. Crumpton of Natchez, Miss., assisted by Rev. Lee Brooks of Rinehart, La. and Rev. John T. Walton of Ruston, La.

BUCKALEW FUNERAL

The funeral of W. W. Buckalew, 56, of 120 Richmond street, Monroe, employed as brakeman on the Missouri Pacific railroad, who died Friday, will be held at the Mulhearn Funeral Home, this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. L. T. Hastings, pastor of the First Baptist Church will officiate and interment will be in Riverview.

He leaves his wife; three daughters, Miss Doris Sue Buckalew, Miss Alice Marie Buckalew and Mrs. A. A. Puckett, Richmond, Calif.; also a sister, Mrs. F. J. Speicer, and two brothers, R. M. Buckalew, Detroit, Mich., and S. E. Buckalew, Pine Bluff, Ark.

BASTROP, La., Dec. 23—(Special)—Newell M. Johnston, 55, died Friday at his home here following a prolonged illness. The funeral was held at Pine Grove Baptist Church, with the Rev. E. C. Aycock of Urania officiating being assisted by the Rev. H. M. Bennett of Bastrop and the Rev. W. Braswell of Crossett, Ark.

Interment was in Pine Grove Cemetery. Pallbearers were Claude Warner, Max Broadnax, Sherman Grubbs, Claude Kelly, Fred Carpenter and C. S. Griffin.

Mr. Johnston was a native of Dyersburg, Tenn., but had lived 13 years in the Pine Grove community. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

He leaves his wife, four sons, Leroy Johnston, Shreveport; Sgt. Elmo Johnston, Hunter Field, Ga.; Pvt. John C. Johnston, Fort Meade, Ga.; Herald Johnston, Bastrop; four daughters, Mrs. Ruth Harrelson, Bastrop; Mrs. Lawanda Johnson, Huston; Mrs. Nonnie Cullum, Bastrop; Miss Monnie Faye Johnston, Bastrop; three granddaughters, two grandsons, one brother, John Johnston, Bastrop; three sisters, Mrs. Pearl Cloy, Crossett, Ark.; Mrs. Katie Devine, Collins, Ark., and Mrs. Betty Moore, New Orleans.

H. ELLIS

H. Ellis, 48, for 29 years a well known [illegible] of Monroe, died yesterday morning at 6 o'clock in a local sanitarium after a short illness.

Although Mr. Ellis had been engaged in mercantile business during most of his life here he was with the Selman Field fire department at the time of his death.

Surviving relatives include his wife, two daughters, Rosemary Ellis and Betty Jean Ellis; a son, Hubert Ellis, Jr.; two brothers and a sister living in [illegible], and his mother, Mrs. Mary Ellis, Monroe.

Mr. Ellis, a member of the Knights of Pythias, had been a resident of the United States for the past 46 years.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon. The procession will leave the residence, 4551 DeSiard street at 2:30 o'clock for St. Matthew's Catholic Church where services will be conducted by the Rev. H. W. Hubley. Interment will follow in the Catholic Cemetery under the direction of Mulhearn Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Ed Cannon, N. Thomas, Ed Rowland, W. Mansour, Abe Sheerar, Louis Tonore, Sam Toney, and Philip David.

HENRY GASTON

Henry Gaston, 78, 320 Texas avenue, died Saturday morning at 10:30 [illegible] a local hospital.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the chapel of Hall Funeral Home with the Rev. Ernest Holloway officiating. Interment will follow in Riverview Burial Park.

Mr. Gaston is survived by two nieces, Mrs. Clause Carter, Monroe and Mrs. Sam Tyler, Monroe, and one nephew, Joe Sprall, Rayville.

Pallbearers will be Milton Coverdale, Robert Hammonds, Ben Coverdale, R. D. Farr, Albert Gragg and Bob Langford.

GETS 'MOOSE-DEER,' LOSES 'A' RATION

DETROIT, Dec. 23—(AP)—The moose-deer shot by William N. Patterson, 4[illegible]-year-old Detroit inventor, turned out to be a costly animal.

Charles A. Rogers, special O. P. A. hearing officer from Cleveland, expressed considerable interest today in pictures of the 2[illegible]-pound half-[illegible] [illegible] Patterson. A gasoline [illegible] privileges for a year for [illegible] the strange creature [illegible].

Patterson said although gas supplies [illegible] he picked up en route together with the gas [illegible] he had when he left Jackson [illegible] Michigan [illegible].

Asked by Rogers how he [illegible] when he started that others would fill his tank for him, Patterson replied:

"I trust in Providence and this time He came through."

Rogers said [illegible] for possible additional information on the animal.

CANADIANS ADVANCE

ROME, Dec. 23—(AP)—Canadian troops of the Eighth army, pushing ahead against strong opposition, have established a front more than five miles wide along the east bank of the Senio river northeast of Faenza, while American troops have made local gains near Monte Belmonte, south of Bologna, Allied headquarters in Italy announced today.

SMASHING

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its way westward from the corridor to the port of Palompon, last base of the remnants of enemy forces in that area.

Participation of the 11th airborne division in the west Leyte fighting was disclosed for the first time. It is commanded by Maj. Gen. Joseph M. Swing. It did much of the heavy fighting in the rugged mountainous terrain southeast of Ormoc and east of the battlefront where the 77th and the 7th division closed a trap on the enemy's Yamashita line and turned the Leyte campaign toward a victorious end.

A single C-47 transport dropped all the 11th division paratroopers and equipment for the operation. Special parachute racks were built under the plane's body to carry the weight of mountain guns. The plane was piloted alternately by Maj. William Martin, of Chickamauga, Ga.; First Lt. John W. Patterson, Danville, Ill., and Second Lt. Alvin R. Johnson, Des Moines, Iowa.

It took a neat bit of flying to do the job. The transport had to poke its way through cloud-shrouded valleys and dip down to 600 feet to drop its loads, then pull sharply to clear a hill ahead. First Lt. Jake McAllister of Seattle, did the navigating. T/Sgt. Jay Waggoner, of Jeffersonville, Ind., whose wife lives at Seffner, Fla., engineered the loading and dropping. S/Sgt. Jack L. Nason of Poland Spring, Me., was assistant engineer.

It took 10 missions to do the job. Only once did a 'chute hang up in a tree top. The paratroopers were dropped fully armed and prepared to defend their guns against the Japanese less than a mile away. When they boarded the transport they chuckled:

"This will come as a big surprise to the Japs; it'll kill them."

Islands lying between American-held Leyte and Mindoro were given another heavy aerial pounding. Japanese airdromes on Cebu, Panay and Negros took 160 tons of bombs on successive days.

Japanese planes again attacked the American positions on Mindoro and 20 were shot down. Two others probably were bagged. The Japanese offered no ground opposition there.

The communique reported the sinking of a small enemy freighter by light U. S. naval units in the Visayan sea and the shelling of Japanese shore installations on Masbate Island.

U. S. bombers and fighter-bombers worked on Japanese shipping and installations from Mindanao in the Philippines to the Solomon Islands, hitting Borneo, the Moluccas, the lesser Sundas, New Guinea and New Britain.

171 NAZI FIGHTER

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Coblenz. These targets are on the main rail lines from central Germany to the sectors where the Germans have pushed westward.

During the day, German fighters rose by the hundreds to try to protect their ground columns and supply lines and sky battles swirled over Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany.

R. A. F. Lancasters flew out again yesterday and battered targets in the Rhineland. Their escorting Mustangs and Spitfires strafed ground targets and shot down one German.

The luftwaffe fought frantically against the American airmen who had been waiting anxiously three days for clearing weather to lend a hand to the hard-pressed ground forces on the western front.

The Americans carried the brunt of the air attacks, more than 400 heavy bombers hitting railways near Trier and just west of Mannheim and rail junctions along the front between Coblenz and the Belgian border, while rocket-firing fighters [illegible] gave escort and struck at the German spearheads.

Today's attacks were officially described in an Eighth air force communique as "designed to disrupt the movement of German troops and material to sectors where the enemy offensive has reached into Belgium and Luxembourg."

"Fair to good" results were obtained as the bombardiers dropped their loads visually. Seven hundred Britain-based fighters of the Eighth tactical air force escorted the heavyweights, while 300 France-based Ninth air force planes concentrated on German tank columns and other vehicles.

First reports said that at least 12 German tanks were known to have been knocked out, and 30 trucks carrying supplies to the front were destroyed.

Marauders joined the Lightning and Mustang pilots in the strafing of German armored and infantry columns.

The American heavy bomber strike was during mid-day, and later 10[illegible] R. A. F. Lancasters escorted by Spitfires and Mustangs battered the garrison and rail town of Trier itself. During the night the R. A. F. bombers also attacked rail yards at Coblenz and Bingen, situated strategically on the Rhine behind the German spearheads thrusting into Belgium. Six German fighters were shot down and three British planes lost.

FIVE KILLED IN CRASH OF BOMBER

MERIDIAN, Dec. 23—(AP)—A B-26 medium bomber from Barksdale Field, La., crashed near here early today, killing five men and seriously injuring one, Col. Harold G. Peterson, commanding officer of Key Field, announced.

Cpl. John Robert Reisen, 20, son of Mrs. Mary C. Reisen of Ardmore, Okla., is in the Key Field hospital in critical condition, Colonel Peterson said.

He listed the men killed in the crash as:

Flight Officer Arthur Leroy Haughland, 19, son of Arthur G. Haughland, San Diego, Calif.

Flight Officer Howard B. Beatty, 22, husband of Mrs. Evelyn M. Beatty, Shreveport, La.

Flight Officer Harold H. Brush, 19, son of Mrs. Marian S. Brush, Rochester, N. Y.

Cpl. Stewart E. Hazelgrove, 26, son of Mrs. Marie J. Hazelgrove, Richmond, Va.

Cpl. Lynn Travis Nelson, 20, son of Mrs. Eunice Nelson, Leachville, Ark.

An investigation by a board of army officials is planned, according to Colonel Peterson.

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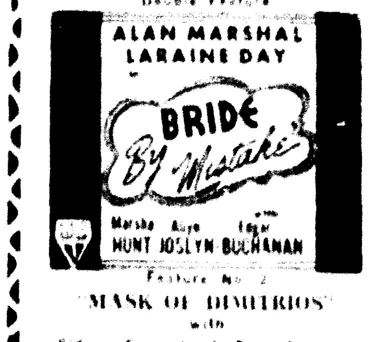

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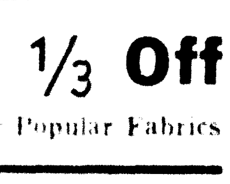

500 WARRIORS

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hey have come, not for a riotous ek-end but to observe a ceremony the place where peace on earth d good will toward men was herald- to the world.

OST OF NATION TO
T WHITE CHRISTMAS

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Shirt-eeved Miami meteorologists promised st of the country an old-fashioned ite Christmas today.

But they warned that Santa Claus ll find a jeep better transportation an a sleigh in the southern states d along the Pacific coast because ere won't be snow in those areas.

The United States weather bureau, s an eye these days for holidays d is ready to dress up a forecast en the occasion warrants, assigned the Miami office the job of prepar- a report on the nation-wide out-k.

By keeping their eyes on reports wing in from other offices and not ncing out of the window at bright nshine glistening on palm trees, the teorologists managed to prophesy kind of Christmas in the north that song-writer dreamed about.

They didn't use any of the old trite ecast phrases like "rain and colder," her, in setting forth their promise language which brought to mind ndlelit trees and gaily-wrapped ckages.

"A white Christmas is in prospect the northern two-thirds of the ited States southward through Vir-ia to the North Carolina moun-ns, in Tennessee, extreme north- Arkansas, the Texas-Oklahoma nhandle section, and including all the Rocky Mountain region west-rd over the Sierra Nevada ranges," meteorologists wrote.

The southern states will be bare snow, and also the Pacific coast tes except for the higher mountain nges.

This would indicate that Santa l be able to use his sleigh and ndeer except in the southern states d along the Pacific coast where k of a snow cover suggests that iding would be difficult, and the of a jeep would provide more equate transportation."

Only this year the weather bureau rted having one of its offices pre- e nation-wide forecasts for impor- holidays. Someone in Washing- thought it would be a bright ch for the Christmas forecast to r a Miami dateline.

RISTMAS SPIRIT
BY-PASS EUROPE

ONDON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—For the h straight year the Christmas rit will by-pass Europe, its bellig-nts locked now in perhaps the final uggle and most of its hearth deso-.

he German counteroffensive has led up the Allies armies tautly and le them determined to set right reverse on the western front.

n the mud and blood of the fierce-contested ground where Field Mar- l von Rundstedt cast his challenge re can be nothing approximating ristmas, not even the ordinary ristmas at the front when special d and gifts are passed forward.

onsequently, London, Paris, Brussels and Rome naturally feel far less disposed to celebrate.

Yet the people do not want to be—nor are they encouraged to be—morbidly gloomy. News of peace, the finest Christmas story, will be delayed, and at tragic cost, but its coming is inevitable.

As in the past, therefore, Americans and Britons here are exchanging courtesies, the former sharing the good things of their Red Cross clubs with children denied a normal family life, and the latter receiving U. S. service men into their homes.

Red Cross clubs are serving free turkey dinners and sponsoring parties, concerts, movies and dances. United seamen's service is taking care of many merchant sailors of the Allied nations.

Similar arrangements were made in several Belgian and French cities.

Apart from the frontline jolt, the British had troubles with the black market flourishing in poultry, liquor and toys. Only a relative small number of people are able to eat turkey, chicken or goose. Most could get only a piece of beef or pork.

Though winter holiday travel is not at a record level, travellers flocked to most London railroad stations early today in order to make the most of a vacation lasting until Wednesday. In England the day following Christmas—Boxing day—also is a holiday.

REPORT 700,000

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report, systematically sent to the Lwow camps prisoners of war and civilians of foreign states from concentration camps in Germany, and then tortured and killed them.

The victims were said to have included Ukrainians, Poles, Szechosiovaks, Yugoslavs, Americans, Britons, Netherlanders, Italians and citizens of other states, including many Jews. The reports were confirmed, the commission said, by numerous statements of Soviet citizens and also by French prisoners of war who had been confined in the camps and were liberated by the Red army.

The commission reported that "children were selected and given to detachments of the Hitler youth as targets for shooting practice."

One French witness was quoted:

"In the camp where I arrived September 3, 1942, Englishmen were killed by slow degrees. There was only one water tap in this camp for 12,000 people. Prisoners were only allowed to use it for four or five hours a day.

"German guards terrorized us. For the smallest fault we were threatened with death. We were not allowed to drink water. We starved. In the morning we could hardly stand on our legs. We got 200 grams (7 ounces) of bread a day. The soup was just water. We slept on the ground. There were fleas and bugs everywhere."

In one camp for war prisoners, the report said, nearly 3,000 prisoners died of dysentery in the four months from August through November, 1941, and nearly 5,000 prisoners died through a typhoid epidemic.

"In one execution ground in a forest more than 200,000 people were killed," the report said.

The commission reported that 136,000 Jews were confined to one Ghetto camp, and that 130,000 were killed in this camp from September 7, 1941, to June 6, 1943.

On special order of Nazi Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler and an SS elite guard major general named Katzman, thousands of corpses were said to have been exhumed in June, 1943, and then burned, and the ashes sifted by special machines to recover 110,000 kilograms (about 121 tons) of gold from watches, teeth, etc.

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CIVIL WAR

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shell-damaged terminal station of the Piraeus-Athens interurban line.

It was feared that the main refrigerating plant for meat supplies of the whole capital district was seriously damaged in the fighting in this district north of Kallipolis peninsula.

Indian troops on the western side of Piraeus harbor consolidated their bridgehead, established this morning, and E. L. A. S. formations also were reported to have pulled out of the southern Athens suburbs west of the main Athens-Phaleron road. Newly formed Greek national guard detachments, whose strength as a result of a call-up now has reached nearly 9,000, took over control of this area.

The lowland from Piraeus eastward toward the line of the Ellisos river also is now declared completely free. In Fissariani and up to the stadium area at the back of Sappion Park, E. L. A. S. groups still are strongly entrenched, but the main move is now to the north where the E. L. A. S. evidently is regrouping with a view to securing its inland communications.

British Sherman tanks based on the slopes of Mt. Likabettos continued a stiff harassing bombardment throughout today on the E. L. A. S. concentrations in the northern suburbs of the capital. R. A. F. planes also participated.

Gen. Napoleon Zervas, commander of the right-wing E. D. E. S., sent an urgent message to the British for assistance, but thus far no help has been sent.

The leftist E. L. A. S., commanded by Gen. Stephanos Saraphis, were reported to have cut 20 miles through E. D. E. S. territory, by-passing Ioannin, which has served as Zervas headquarters.

Zervas, whose current strength is estimated at 12,000, notified the British he was resisting the attack from the north but expected to fall back into the Tomaros mountains to the south of Ioannina in central Epirus.

The communique said that at Caserta both generals "agreed to refrain from hostilities."

"General Scobies' orders had been obeyed scrupulously by General Zervas in spite of obvious concentrations of E. L. A. S. forces within his operational boundaries, and he has taken no provocative action," the communique asserted.

Lt. Gen. R. M. Scobie, the British commander, was given the E. L. A. S. reply to his ultimatum during a 25-minute truce called last night.

While the terms of the reply were not made public, there were indications the E. L. A. S. had refused to agree flatly to Scobie's conditions.

Stamtios Mercuris, veteran politician and liberal who acted as a courier in carrying the E. L. A. S. message to the British, was reported to have made this statement in behalf of the left-wing E. A. M. party, whose military wing is the E. L. A. S.

"We have unwittingly been involved in a clash with Great Britain. If we give in it is because we don't want British prestige to suffer in any way. . . . The E. L. A. S. are ready to obey Britain's orders and hastens to join in the fight against Germany."

(Ankara radio said the reply was believed to have accepted Scobie's demand that the E. L. A. S. evacuate Attica, which embraces Athens and its port of Piraeus, and agreed to disarm its troops in the two cities under scrutiny of a joint British-Greek commission.

GERMANS CLAIM

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methodical counterattack or counter-offensive."

German commentators generally claimed the fiercest fighting was around Stavelot, on Von Rundstedt's northern flank, Sertorius reporting that Allied tank attacks "are carried out with suicidal tenacity."

The Nazis resorted to an old trick of the 1940 blitzkrieg days, broadcasting what it claimed was a report from a Belgian radio urging citizens to evacuate a number of cities, including the industrial center of Charleroi. Refugee-choked roads would hamper Allied military traffic.

Sertorius said the winter offensive already had proved its worth by forcing the Allies to break off their own drive.

Calling Von Rundstedt's thrust a "daring enterprise," he added:

"But it must not be forgotten that it has an intact west wall to fall back on."

GOOD FELLOWS

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the past week for Good Fellows to perform, seeking out the deserving cases, buying food and clothing, and packing large sacks with these articles. Hotel Monroe loaned the use of a large room where most of the packing was performed and it looked like Santa Claus' main offices when the work was in progress. Among the contributors of toys were Georgia Tucker School, Mitchell School, the Kiwanis Club, the L. B. Price Mercantile Co., Sears, Roebuck and Company, May and Guthrie Hardware Company and the Perryville Missionary Circle.

As we have previously stated, the public has been most generous and cooperative, and we wish to thank each and all for their kindness, and we extend to all those who receive gifts through this means a most "Merry Christmas" and a "Happy and Brighter New Year."

Polygamy is a form of marriage in which one husband lives in a household with several wives and forms a family with them and their children.

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DEATHS

MRS. SARAH A. NEAL

FERRIDAY, La., Dec. 23.—(Special)—The funeral of Mrs. Sarah A. Neal, 89, was held at Pleasant Hill, December 18. Young's Funeral Home was in charge.

Mrs. Neal was born and lived her entire life at Pleasant Hill, La. She was mother of 13 children of which 10 are survivors. Four daughters: Mrs. W. L. Entekin, Mrs. Nola Poole, both of Ferriday, La., Mrs. Rosalie Enterkin, Mrs. Lillie Boyd of Jena, La.; six sons, Mr. Rastus Neal, Mr. Men Neal, both of Jonesville, La., and Mr. Ransom Neal, Mr. Langston Neal, Mr. Oliver Neal and Mr. Millard Neal all of Jena, La., and 61 grandchildren, 65 great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. She lived to see 20 of her grandchildren enter the armed forces.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. James W. Crumpton of Natchez, Miss., assisted by Rev. Lee Brooks of Rinehart, La. and Rev. John T. Walton of Ruston, La.

BUCKALEW FUNERAL

The funeral of W. W. Buckalew, 56, of 120 Richmond street, Monroe, employed as brakeman on the Missouri Pacific railroad, who died Friday, will be held at the Mulhearn Funeral Home, this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. L. T. Hastings, pastor of the First Baptist Church will officiate and interment will be in Riverview.

He leaves his wife; three daughters, Miss Doris Sue Buckalew, Miss Alice Marie Buckalew and Mrs. A. A. Puckett, Richmond, Calif.; also a sister, Mrs. F. J. Speicer; and two brothers, R. M. Buckalew, Detroit, Mich., and S. E. Buckalew, Pine Bluff, Ark.

BASTROP, La., Dec. 23.—(Special)—Newell M. Johnston, 55, died Friday at his home here following a prolonged illness. The funeral was held at Pine Grove Baptist Church, with the Rev. E. C. Ayoock of Urania officiating being assisted by the Rev. H. M. Bennett of Bastrop and the Rev. W. Braswell of Crossett, Ark.

Interment was in Pine Grove Cemetery. Pallbearers were Claude Warner, Max Broadnax, Sherman Grubbs, Claude Kelly, Fred Carpenter and C. S. Griffin.

Mr. Johnston was a native of Dyersburg, Tenn., but had lived 13 years in the Pine Grove community. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

He leaves his wife; four sons, Leroy Johnston, Shreveport, Sgt. Elmo Johnston, Hunter Field, Ga., Pvt. John C. Johnston, Fort Meade, Ga., Herald Johnston, Bastrop; four daughters, Mrs. Ruth Harrelson, Bastrop; Mrs. Lawanda Johnson, Huston; Mrs. Nonnie Cullum, Bastrop; Miss Monnie Faye Johnston, Bastrop; three granddaughters, two grandsons; one brother, John Johnston, Bastrop; three sisters, Mrs. Pearl Clay, Crossett, Ark., Mrs. Katie Devine, Collins, Ark., and Mrs. Betty Moore, New Orleans.

H. ELLIS

H. Ellis, 48, for 20 years a well known merchant of Monroe, died yesterday morning at 6 o'clock in a local sanitarium after a short illness.

Although Mr. Ellis had been engaged in mercantile business during most of his life here he was with the Selman Field fire department at the time of his death.

Surviving relatives include his wife; two daughters, Rosemary Ellis and Betty Jean Ellis; a son, Habeeb Ellis Jr.; two brothers and a sister living in Syria; and his mother, Mrs. Mary Ellis, Monroe.

Mr. Ellis, a member of the Knights of Pythias, had been a resident of the United States for the past 40 years.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon. The procession will leave the residence, 4334 DeSiard street, at 2:30 o'clock for St. Matthew's Catholic Church where services will be conducted by the Rev. H. W. Hubley. Interment will follow in the Catholic Cemetery under the direction of Mulhearn Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Ed Cannon, N. Thomas, Ed Rowland, W. Mansour, Abe Sherman, Louis Tonore, Sam Toney, and Philip David.

HENRY GASTON

Henry Gaston, 78, 320 Texas avenue, died Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock in a local hospital.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the chapel of Hall Funeral Home with the Rev. Ernest Holloway officiating. Interment will follow in Riverview Burial Park.

Mr. Gaston is survived by two nieces, Mrs. Claude Causey, Monroe and Mrs. Sally Toler, Monroe, and one nephew, Tom Sprull, Rayville.

Pallbearers will be Milton Coverdale, Florent Hammonds, Bert Coverdale, R. D. Farr, Albert Gragory and Bob Langford.

GETS 'MOOSE-DEER,' LOSES 'A' RATION

DETROIT, Dec. 23.—(AP)— The "moose-deer" shot by William N. Patterson, 54-year-old Detroit inventor turned out to be a costly animal.

Charles A. Rogers, special O. P. A. hearing officer from Cleveland, expressed considerable interest today in pictures of the 250-pound half-deer half-moose—it had a red-top head, white chin whiskers, giant moose horns, and a hybrid face—but suspended Patterson's "A" gasoline rationing privileges for a year for traveling 1,130 miles on the hunting trip during which the strange creature was bagged.

Patterson said furlough gas supplied by four soldiers he picked up en route, together with the six gallons he had when he left Jackson, Mich., enabled him to return from Faithorn, Mich., via Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana to exhibit his bag.

Asked by Rogers how he knew when he started that others would fill his tank for him, Patterson replied:

"I trust in Providence and this time He came through."

Rogers said he would ask the museum of natural history in Cleveland for possible additional information on the animal.

CANADIANS ADVANCE

ROME, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Canadian troops of the Eighth army, pushing ahead against strong opposition, have established a front more than five miles wide along the east bank of the Senio river northeast of Faenza, while American troops have made local gains near Monte Belmonte, south of Bologna, Allied headquarters in Italy announced today.

SMASHING

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its way westward from the corridor to the port of Palompon, last base of the remnants of enemy forces in that area.

Participation of the 11th airborne division in the west Leyte fighting was disclosed for the first time. It is commanded by Maj. Gen. Joseph M. Swing. It did much of the heavy fighting in the rugged mountainous terrain southeast of Ormoc and east of the battlefront where the 77th and the 7th division closed a trap on the enemy's Yamashita line and turned the Leyte campaign toward a victorious end.

A single C-47 transport dropped all the 11th division paratroopers and equipment for the operation. Special parachute racks were built under the plane's body to carry the weight of mountain guns. The plane was piloted alternately by Maj. William Martin, of Chickamauga, Ga.; First Lt. John W. Patterson, Danville, Ill., and Second Lt. Alvin R. Johnson, Des Moines, Iowa.

It took a neat bit of flying to do the job. The transport had to poke its way through cloud-shrouded valleys and dip down to 600 feet to drop its loads, then pull sharply to clear a hill ahead. First Lt. Jake McAllister of Seattle, did the navigating. T/Sgt. Jay Waggoner, of Jeffersonville, Ind., whose wife lives at Seffner, Fla., engineered the loading and dropping. S/Sgt. Jack L. Nason of Poland Spring, Me., was assistant engineer.

It took 10 missions to do the job. Only once did a 'chute hang up in a tree top. The paratroopers were dropped fully armed and prepared to defend their guns against the Japanese less than a mile away. When they boarded the transport they chuckled:

"This will come as a big surprise to the Japs; it'll kill them."

Islands lying between American-held Leyte and Mindoro were given another heavy aerial pounding. Japanese airdromes on Cebu, Panay and Negros took 160 tons of bombs on successive days.

Japanese planes again attacked the American positions on Mindoro and 20 were shot down. Two others probably were bagged. The Japanese offered no ground opposition there.

The communique reported the sinking of a small enemy freighter by light U. S. naval units in the Visayan sea and the shelling of Japanese shore installations on Masbate Island.

U. S. bombers and fighter-bombers worked on Japanese shipping and installations from Mindanao in the Philippines to the Solomon Islands, hitting Borneo, the Moluccas, the lesser Sundas, New Guinea and New Britain.

171 NAZI FIGHTER

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Coblenz. These targets are on the main rail lines from central Germany to the sectors where the Germans have pushed westward.

During the day, German fighters rose by the hundreds to try to protect their ground columns and supply lines, and sky battles swirled over Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany.

R. A. F. Lancasters flew out again yesterday and battered targets in the Rhineland. Their escorting Mustangs and Spitfires strafed ground targets and shot down one German.

The luftwaffe fought frantically against the American airmen who had been waiting anxiously three days for clearing weather to lend a hand to the hard-pressed ground forces on the western front.

The Americans carried the brunt of the air attacks, more than 400 heavy bombers hitting railyards near Trier and just west of Mannheim and rail junctions along the front between Coblenz and the Belgian border, while rocket-firing fighter-bombers gave escort and struck at the German spearheads.

Today's attacks were officially described in an Eighth air force communique as "designed to disrupt the movement of German troops and material to sectors where the enemy offensive has reached into Belgium and Luxembourg."

"Fair to good" results were obtained as the bombardiers dropped their loads visually. Seven hundred Britain-based fighters of the Eighth tactical air force escorted the heavyweights, while 300 France-based Ninth air force planes concentrated on German tank columns and other vehicles.

First reports said that at least 12 German tanks were known to have been knocked out, and 30 trucks carrying supplies to the front were destroyed.

Marauders joined the Lightning and Mustang pilots in the strafing of German armored and infantry columns.

The American heavy bomber strike was during mid-day, and later 100 R. A. F. Lancasters escorted by Spitfires and Mustangs battered the garrison and rail town of Trier itself. During the night the R. A. F. bombers also attacked rail yards at Coblenz and Bingen, situated strategically on the Rhine behind the German spearheads thrusting into Belgium. Six German fighters were shot down and three British planes lost.

FIVE KILLED IN CRASH OF BOMBER

MERIDIAN, Dec. 23.—(AP)—A B-26 medium bomber from Barksdale Field, La., crashed near here early today, killing five men and seriously injuring one, Col. Harold G. Peterson, commanding officer of Key Field, announced.

Cpl. John Robert Reisen, 20, son of Mrs. Mary C. Reisen of Ardmore, Okla., is in the Key Field hospital in critical condition, Colonel Peterson said.

He listed the men killed in the crash as:

Flight Officer Arthur Leroy Haughland, 19, son of Arthur G. Haughland, San Diego, Calif.

Flight Officer Howard B. Beatty, 22, husband of Mrs. Evelyn M. Beatty, Shreveport, La.

Flight Officer Harold H. Brush, 19, son of Mrs. Marian S. Brush, Rochester, N. Y.

Cpl. Stewart E. Hazelgrove, 26, son of Mrs. Marie J. Hazelgrove, Richmond, Va.

Cpl. Lynn Travis Nelson, 20, son of Mrs. Eunice Nelson, Leachville, Ark.

An investigation by a board of army officials is planned, according to Colonel Peterson.

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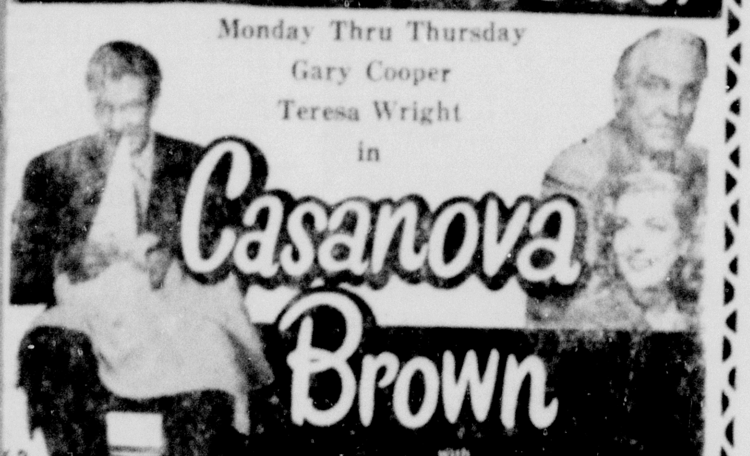

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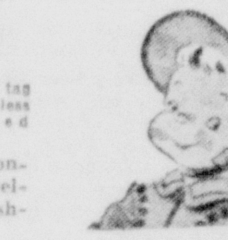

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SELMAN CAGE TEAM SUFFERS SEVERE MANPOWER PROBLEM

Loss Of Don Martin And Howie McMahon By Transfers Weakens Cyclone Quintet For Game Wednesday With Strong Alexandria AAB Aggregation

The threat of the Selman Field Cyclones to dominate cage play in northern Louisiana and vicinity was dealt a serious blow yesterday with the announcement from post headquarters of the transfer of Don Martin and Howie McMahon, Selman's pair of stellar guards.

The transfers are a result of the recent war department ruling which sends air force personnel to the ground forces where they can make a greater contribution to the war effort.

Short, stocky Don Martin, former Georgetown University star, has led the Selman quintet to five victories this season, sparking the play in each encounter. Don was a member of the great Jefferson Barracks squad last year, the team that chalked up a phenomenal record of 23 wins, losing only to the nationally known Phillips 66 Oilers.

Howie McMahon, speedy guard and masterful ball handler who pairs with Martin to round out the main line of defensive play, will leave at the same time.

Coach Fred Heinlen said that Martin and McMahon would play their last game against Alexandria Army Air Base in the Selman Field gym next Wednesday night.

From all indications Cyclone fans will witness a classy exhibition of basketball when the local club clashes with the aggregation from Alexandria. The Selmanites are seeking revenge for the defeat suffered at the hands of the Alex group early this month in final minutes of play. On the other hand the Alexandria quintet boasts that their squad is improved and point with pride to 12 victories with a single setback the only mar on their record.

The Bomber five is coached by Don Galbreath, an exponent of quick-break, midwestern style basketball, an offensive brand of ball. Galbreath led the Salt Lake City Wings to basketball, baseball and football championships last year. He formerly coached San Diego in the Pacific Coast professional football league and was one of the famous Oregon State Iron Men in collegiate football.

Two newcomers who helped lead the Alex Bombers to the Second Air Force baseball crown this summer are taking a major role in directing the Bombers' basketball fortunes. Frank O'Hare, 21-year-old New York City guard, was the defensive star in a two-game series with Galveston, Tex., Army Air Field in the Second Air Force league opener this week. Six-foot three-inch Fred Taylor of Zanesville, O., has shown consisten improvement for the past six weeks and has averaged seven points a game as a first-string center and forward in the past 10 victories.

Jack Dwan, former Loyola College (Chicago) cager, holds down the center position. Deadly on one-arm half-court shots, Dwan leads team scoring with 90 points in five games.

Rounding out the starting five for the Bombers are Roy Jones, ex-West Texas State Teachers College forward and Larry McCollock, former Texas Tech guard.

BEST EFFORT WINS FEATURED SPRINT

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Best Effort, a black two-year-old owned by C. C. Tanner, came from behind today under topweight of 122 pounds to win the $2,500 Pontchartrain Handicap, feature of the Fair Grounds inaugural card.

The son of Ladysman won by a length over Joe W. Brown's King Dorsett, after overcoming what looked like a commanding lead opened by King Dorsett. Transbet, owned by the Four Oaks stable, was third, more than six lengths behind Best Effort.

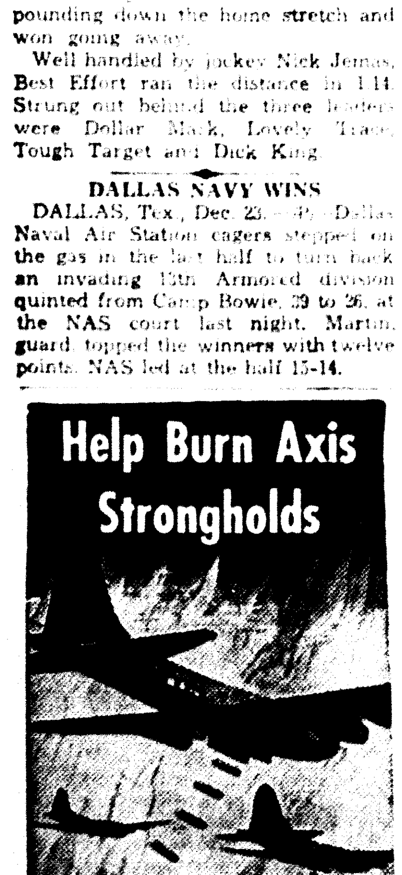
The handicap, a six-furlong affair for two-year-olds, attracted a small field. The Tanner entry of Best Effort and Dollar Mark were odds-on favorites, paying $2.80 for a $2 ticket in the mutuels.

King Dorsett set a fast pace with Lovely Trace in close attendance. It seemed the brown colt had things all its own way until Best Effort started pounding down the home stretch and won going away.

Well handled by jockey Nick Jemas, Best Effort ran the distance in 1:14. Strung out behind the three leaders were Dollar Mark, Lovely Trace, Tough Target and Dick King.

DALLAS NAVY WINS

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Dallas Naval Air Station cagers stepped on the gas in the last half to turn back an invading 13th Armored division quintet from Camp Bowie, 39 to 26, at the NAS court last night. Martin, guard, topped the winners with twelve points. NAS led at the half 15-14.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SELECTIVE SERVICE IS REQUESTED TO REVIEW PRO ATHLETES' CASES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes tonight instructed selective service to review the qualifications for military service of men engaged in professional athletics.

In a letter to Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey, Byrnes said it was difficult for him and for the public to understand how men can be physically unfit for military service and "yet be able to compete with the greatest athletes of the nation in games demanding physical fitness."

In view of the manpower shortage, Byrnes added, he thought serious consideration should be given to "recalling these men into the armed services or where they have not heretofore been inducted, calling them for another physical examination."

Hershey advised Byrnes that he was directing local boards to review the classification of men known to be engaged in professional athletics.

Hershey noted in his letter that Gen. George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, had issued regulations Nov. 29 directing that no nationally prominent athletes, stage, screen and radio figures be discharged from the army without referring their cases to the war department for final decision.

Prior to Marshall's order, any commanding officer had been free to release men under him.

BATON ROUGE ALL-STATE TEAM REPRESENTS NINE OF LOUISIANA'S SCHOOLS

BATON ROUGE, La., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Nine Louisiana schools are represented on the All-State high school football team for 1944 which was chosen by sports writers of the two Baton Rouge newspapers and local high school coaches.

FIRST TEAM

Players	School	Pos	Class
Donald Hemphill	(Bogalusa)	LE	Senior
Garnett Baird	(Byrd)	LT	Senior
Gerald Reynolds	(Baton Rouge)	LG	Senior
Albert Sanders	(Baton Rouge)	C	Senior
Walter Villars	(Nicholls)	RG	Senior
Homer McGaugh	(Istrouma)	RT	Senior
Bill Kellum	(Haynesville)	RE	Senior
Gene Simmons	(Istrouma)	QB	Senior
Harrell Collins	(Baton Rouge)	LH	Senior
Hillary Chollet	(Holy Cross)	RH	Senior
Bob Lantrip	(Lake Charles)	FB	Junior

SECOND TEAM

Ends—Bo Clements, Baton Rouge, and Joe Leach, Byrd. Tackles—Pat O'Sullivan, Holy Cross, and Billy Golden, Fair Park. Guards—Bernard Scelfo, Bogalusa, and Alvin Brinker, Holy Cross. Center—Wilford Crockett, Bogalusa. Backs—Harvey Johnson, Fair Park, Wayne Kingery, Lake Charles, Bobby Clegg, Istrouma, and Rudy Daly, Holy Cross.

HAL GREEN AGAIN DEFEATS WELTERWEIGHT GRAZIANO

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Although he hit the deck for a count of nine in the eighth round, Harold Green 149, Brooklyn, again outpointed Rocky Graziano, 154, New York, in their return 10-rounder at Madison Square Garden last night. In their first meeting Green was down for nine in the last 15 seconds of the scrap, but won on points.

A crowd of 10,237 that contributed to a gross of $29,773 saw the two welterweights put on a slugging match all the way. Graziano went down for a three count in the second stanza.

PAUL HARTNEK IS SIGNED AS COACH FOR BOYS TOWN

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Paul Hartnek, heavyweight boxer and a former Creighton University football star, is going to serve as a boys supervisor and instructor in boxing and swimming at Boys Town.

Father Flanagan, founder and director of the institution for homeless boys, said Hartnek, who has been fighting professionally for seven years, would assume his new duties next week.

70,000 TO 80,000 RETURNED MONTHLY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—The army is returning a total of 70,000 to 80,000 men every month from overseas, but only about 22,000 of the total are coming back under the rotation plan.

About 8,000 are being returned for temporary duty in the states. The remainder represents sick and wounded soldiers and men brought back for operational reasons.

The information came fro mSecretary of War Stimson, in reply to a letter from Senator Cordon, Republican, Oregon.

Stimson said the best the war department could do is determine the total number that can be returned and then apportion that number among the various overseas theaters.

He told Cordon he was glad to be able to say that recently all limitations were removed on the number of soldiers who may be returned from overseas on leave or furlough to spend one month at home.
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VALUABLE PENNY STAMPS

LONDON—(AP)—A block of 12 penny black Canadian stamps issued in 1851 brought about $650 at an auction.

TRACKS QUICK TO GIVE COOPERATION

'Racing Everywhere Will Comply Instantly,' Declares Bayard Swope

By Orlo Robertson

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Racing was quick to fall in line today with War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes' request that all tracks close by Jan. 3, 1945.

Even though the directive means the temporary end of a sport that yielded $55,971,232.87 in revenue to 17 states and brought in close to $16,000,000 in charity during 1944, threatens a breeding industry in which millions of dollars are invested and figures to throw several thousand men out of their present employment, there was not a racing official who declined to cooperate to the fullest extent.

Herbert Bayard Swope, chairman of the New York State Racing Commission, questioned the advisability of making the edict nation-wide but said:

"Racing everywhere will comply instantly with regulations which Washington authorities regard as being helpful to winning the war. That is our only business."

Col. Matt Winn, head of Churchill Downs, Empire City and Lincoln Fields, likewise expressed the general sentiment when he said:

"There is only one thing to do. Obey the boss."

As to the future of his own Kentucky Derby, the colonel declined to make a prediction.

"It will not be run until early in May and the situation may change by that time," said Winn.

Officials of tracks in Florida, where Gulfstream closed today and Tropical Park opens Monday with Hialeah to follow in January; New Orleans, where a 75-day session opened today, and California, where several fall meetings were to be followed by the re-opening of Santa Anita Dec. 30, were surprised by Byrnes' order but immediately made plans to close.

Jerry Brady, director of racing at Tropical, said it is possible the Coral Gables track would run until Jan. 3 in order to help the stranded horsemen. Some 2,000 horses are quartered in the Miami area.

The Los Angeles Turf Club, which operates Santa Anita, indicated it would operate for three days for the same reason. Between 1,200 and 1,300 thoroughbreds are stabled at the California track.

Julius Reeder, racing secretary at New Orlean's Fair Grounds, said plans had been made for a big season but "we've always cooperated with the government and will continue to do so."

Several horsemen pointed out that if the suspension of racing lasts any length of time it will deal a hard blow to the breeding farms, since there will be little or no market for horses.

Swope said he was surprised at the breadth of the order.

"It is evident that it was animated by labor conditions, more than by any other single factor," said the New York racing head. "Yet, New York, Florida, Massachusetts and other eastern states are not in an acute labor area. California is. That state is the center of war-time production which isn't true of some of the other regions.

"I doubt if war labor will be substantially recruited from race tracks for there the majority of the employes are old men or under-sized boys. The sport, or business, has a clean record in this respect.

"It is interesting that racing has been continued in England, France, Belgium and even in Germany until last summer. However, there is only one thought that animates all of us. If racing or anything else interferes with the war, out it must go."

Donald P. Ross, acting president of Delaware State Park while Col. J. Simpson Dean is with the army in France, said that "our park, a non-profit organization, can always be depended upon to cooperate with the war effort."

He pointed out that the park was closed all during 1943 and re-opened in 1944 at the request of the Delaware governor to produce revenue for the state.

ELLINGTON TRIUMPHS

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Coming from behind in the second half, Ellington Field trounced Rodd Naval Air Field of Corpus Christi, 45 to 29, in a basketball game last night.

Rodd led, 20-12, at the intermission.

Tony Braginetz of Illington, with 18 points, was high scorer.

CAGING IS FAMILY AFFAIR

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 23.—(AP)—When Dale Hutt, former Purdue basketball player, goes out nights to play with Ecker's Intermountain A. A. U. champions, does his wife, Dorothy, stay home with a good book?

Not at all. She plays in a girls' cage league, just as she used to do in Illinois.

BELIEVED DROWNED, MAN IS FOUND SAFE

BATON ROUGE, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Vincent Altic of Harrington, Va., who disappeared overboard from the New Orleans tugboat Kiska during a pre-Christmas celebration early this morning, reappeared early this afternoon at the river front inquiring for his boat, which had since left.

He learned to his amazement that he had been the object of a search since he went overboard in the Mississippi river at 2:15 this morning. Virgil Ellis of Portsmouth, Ohio, went over at the same time but he was rescued. Rescuers were unable to find Altic who they said was last seen this morning as he floated toward the current of the river.

PETRO BEATS AVILES

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Danny Petro, 128, of Washington, D. C., outpointed Angel Aviles, 128, of Mexico City, in a 10 round bout last night.

NATION'S RACE TRACKS SHUT DOWN BY GOVERNMENT ORDER

Blow To Turfmen Leaves Other Sports Wondering About Their Own Fate In Coming Months; Announcement Mentions Only 'Animal Races'

By Bus Ham

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Jimmy Byrnes today ordered the saddles off the country's race horses and numbers off the dogs, and left other sports wondering if they also will be subjected to further curtailment.

The war mobilization director, with President Roosevelt's approval, asked all racing tracks to close up January 3, 1945, and to refrain from resuming "until war conditions permit."

Byrnes' original announcement mentioned only "horse-racing" but his office later explained that "it applies to all animal races."

Byrnes' announcement was couched in the language of an appeal to the sporting spirit of track operators, but he left no doubt that the crackdown is definite by adding:

"I am confident that the management of these tracks can be depended upon to take prompt action without the necessity of recourse to other measures."

Existing war conditions demand the manpower and transportation now being used for racing meets, Byrnes said. The sport has grown to gigantic war-time proportions.

RACING FACTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Thoroughbred racing facts and figures for 1944:

Starters, 11,258.

Tracks, 80 (approximately).

Attendance, 18,000,000.

Betting, $1,126,308,645.

States revenue, $55,971,232.87.

War charity, $16,000,000.

Track and breeding farm employes, 40,000 (estimated).

Track and breeding farm payroll, $50,000,000,000 annually (estimated).

Value of all thoroughbreds, $55,000,000 (estimated).

Race track investments, $175,000,000 (estimated).

States in which racing was held: New York, Florida, Illinois, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Maryland, California, Michigan, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Delaware, Arkansas, Washington, Ohio, Louisiana, Kentucky, and West Virginia.

In 17 states, $1,126,308,645 was bet during the 1944 season, of which $55,971,232.87 went for taxes. New York's wagering topped the list at $410,230,402 in 181 racing days.

New York City's mayor, F. H. La Guardia, outspoken critic of gambling, was one of the first to applaud Byrnes' action, exclaiming, "A Daniel come to judgment."

"I'm for Jimmy for president," he said.

In racing circles, Col. Matt Winn, head of the Kentucky Derby, expressed the general sentiment, saying "there is only one thing to do and that's to obey the boss. . . . Things must be pretty serious for the government to take such action and we should follow every instruction."

Florida was hit hardest by Byrnes unexpected double-barrelled decision. Florida's Gulfstream Track closed a 20-day meeting today, Tropical Park had a meeting scheduled to open Monday, Hialeah Park a 40-day program beginning January 17, and the principal dog tracks are in that state.

Clark Griffith, owner of the Washington Senators, said that there is no reason why Byrnes' ruling should affect baseball.

"Horse racing does not come in the same category with baseball," he said, adding: "We're amusement and recreation."

War manpower commission sources said that officials are open-minded about baseball and will judge that situation when the season opens.

But Byrnes' action, coming shortly after a War Department announcement that no more big-name athletes will be discharged from service without being closely checked, left the sports world in doubt as to its immediate future.

Recent bad turn of events in Europe, coupled with manpower and absenteeism problems in California brought racing to the attention of Byrnes through the WMC.

An employment ceiling recently was authorized by WMC to permit the opening of the Santa Anita track in Los Angeles, a critical labor area.

WMC felt that reopening of this track could not be disapproved since other tracks were being allowed to operate in other areas equally critical.

Byrnes stepped in and called a halt, saying:

"The operation of race tracks not only required the employment of manpower needed for essential operation, but also manpower, railroad transportation as well as tires and gasoline in the movement of patrons to and from the track, and in the movement of horses and their attendants.

"The existing war situation demands the utmost effort that the people of the United States can give to the support of its armed forces in the production of needed war materials.

"The operation of race tracks is not conducive to this all-out effort."

In California, the Los Angeles Turf Club said that it will "accede to the presidential request" and close its Santa Anita meeting January 3, which will permit but three days of a scheduled 55-day meet.

WMC sources estimated that employment ceilings on race tracks average about 400 persons, and that all of those affected will now be required to enter essential industry.

6 TEAMS IN RED SHIELD LEAGUE

Captain Jack Hesketh of the Salvation Army, sponsor of the Red Shield Basketball League, last night announced the First Methodists of Monroe would again sponsor a team in the league, thus rounding out a membership of six teams for competition which starts January 4.

Other teams in the loop are Louisiana Training Institute, First Baptists of West Monroe, Independents, St. Matthew's, and Red Shield Club.

GRAYSON'S SCOREBOARD

By Harry Grayson
(NEA Service Sports Editor)

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—You go to see Einar Thulin about Gunder Hagg and wind up writing about Einar Thulin.

A college man born and educated in Sweden, Thulin's appearance belies his 48 years. He hardly looks old enough to have started his newspaper career in Stockholm in 1918. He is athletically-built, ruddy-faced, blue-eyed, sparsely-thatched.

Thulin came to this country to cable 5,000 words on the first Dempsey-Tunney fight in Philadelphia in 1926, likes the place, has been the American correspondent in New York for leading Swedish newspapers ever since. He filed 10,000 words on the America's Cup races of 1934.

Thulin was at Lakehurst in 1937 to meet the editor of the Stockholm Tidningen, who perished in the disaster, when the dirigible Hindenburg exploded and burned. His 2,000-word eye-witness story cabled to Tidningen was a model of spot news coverage.

He cabled more than 40,000 words to Tidningen during router Hagg's American tour of 1943.

In connection with Hagg's initial American appearance in the National A. A. U. 5,000-meters at Randall's Island stadium, Thulin made the first direct radio reportage to Sweden in history.

More than 90 per cent of Sweden's population of 6,000,000 including King Gustaf, listened—a record in Swedish broadcasting.

This also gives you a rough idea of the Swedes' interest in Hagg and track and field, which is their national pastime.

Thulin is Sweden's best known and most respected sports writer. His opinions and views carry great weight on the other side, particularly in view of his athletic background.

He was one of the finest all-around athletes ever developed in Sweden, a member of that nation's Olympic team which completed in Antwerp in 1920, when he reached the finals in the high jump. His six feet four-and-a-half inches was the best in Europe in 1921.

Thulin competed in practically every country on the continent. He was a member of Sweden's international soccer teams, won tournaments in running, boxing, tennis, swimming, bicycling and fencing.

Thulin is the father of two sons. Einar Jr., 21, six feet three and 200 pounds, is a member of the Norwegian air force with headquarters in England.

"Four-year-old Tommy's initials are TNT'" he tells you, proudly.

Einar Thulin is the closest link between the American sports scene and the Scandinavian peninsula.

HUNGARY SETS UP PROVISIONAL RULE

LONDON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Moscow announced tonight that a provisional Hungarian national assembly had been elected in liberated portions of that country and had started work at Debrecen to establish a new provisional government which would cooperate with the United Nations.

The broadcast of the Moscow announcement, recorded here by the Soviet monitor, said the 230-member assembly held an organizational meeting December 21 and issued an appeal to the Hungarian people to break with Hitler's Germany and join the United Nations.

The new government as it is authorized to set up would rival the puppet regime of pro-Nazi Ferenc Szalasi which has fled from besieged Budapest to Sopron on the Austro-Hungarian border.

The assembly elected as its president Bela Zeyle, professor of the Juridical Academy at Miskolc. Vice presidents are Kalman Santo, professor at Debrecen University, and Dr. Sandor Yuhadnagy, a leader of the Reform Church in Hungary.

It met in a building of the Reform College.

Delegates to the assembly were elected by Hungarian citizens in liberated territory in voting December 13 to 20, the Moscow radio reported.

The assembly, it said, called for a break with Nazi Germany, an armistice with the Allies and joining in the war for Hungary's liberation.

"We must break with Hitlerite Germany," the assembly declaration was quoted. "We must sign an armistice with the victorious Allied powers, the Soviet Union, Great Britain and the U. S. A.

"We must not stand aside with folded arms while the Russian army alone is liberating our motherland from the German yoke. We will truly merit the right to freedom and independence only when we ourselves with all our might take part in our own liberation."

WHITE MAY NOT PLAY

ATLANTA, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Jo Jo White, Cincinnati Reds' outfielder sold to Sacramento of the Pacific Coast League, says he may forego play next year to continue work with a Detroit company.

White, here on a visit, said "I don't think I fancy playing out there (West Coast). It's too hot."

Now 36, he once played with Seattle for several years.

RACERS TO ABIDE BY NEWEST ORDER

Nation's Tracks Will Cooperate In Anyway To Shorten Duration Of War

SATISFIED

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Mayor F. H. LaGuardia, outspoken critic of gambling, exclaimed "a Daniel come to judgment" when he learned today that War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes had requested all race tracks to close Jan. 3.

"I'm for Jimmy for president," the mayor said.

LaGuardia said that betting figures for New York City racing this year totaled $400,000,000.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—(AP)—The first reaction of race track operators to the suggestion of War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes that all tracks close their gates by Jan. 3, 1945 was one of cooperation.

Col. Matt Winn, head of Churchill Downs, Empire City and Lincoln Fields, expressed the general sentiment when he said:

"There is only one thing to do. Obey the boss."

From Miami, Fla., where Gulfstream closes today and Tropical Park opens Monday with Hialeah to follow in January; New Orleans and California, where Santa Anita was scheduled to resume racing on Dec. 30 after a lapse of two years, came official word that they would abide by Byrnes' directive.

Jerry Brady, director of racing at Tropical, said it is possible Tropical will run until Jan. 3 in order to try to help the stranded horsemen. Some 2,000 horses are quartered in the Miami area.

"Racing is a big business and the government request is a blow," said Brady. "But if the shutdown will help win the war, then naturally there is no alternative."

The Los Angeles Turf Club indicated it would run three days, closing down on Jan. 2.

"We always have cooperated with the government" said Julius Reeder, general manager of the Fair Grounds at New Orleans, "and we will continue to do so."

As for the Kentucky Derby, Winn said he was not ready to make any decision as it will not be run until early in May and the situation may change by that time.

"Things must be pretty serious for the government to take such action and we should follow every instruction," added the colonel who built the Derby from just another horse race into the country's greatest racing spectacle.

L. S. U. DROPS FIRST GAME TO AAB QUINT

ALEXANDRIA, La., Dec. 23.—(AP)—The Alexandria Army Air Field dropped a heavy bombardment blockbuster to blast Louisiana State University 55 to 31 at Bolton High School here last night.

Nearly 2,000 spectators witnessed the L. S. U. opener as a feature of the Rapides parish war loan contest.

The Bombers shoved off to an early lead and ran up 20 points before the Tigers notted their second basket. Half time score was 30-5.

Using reserve power, the Bombers made it a nip and tuck battle during the second half.

Frank Ohare 21-year-old New York City guard, paced the Bombers attack with 13 points. Fred Taylor, rangy Zanesville (Ohio) forward followed with 11.

Using a four-man wheel and fast break offense the Bombers completely outpassed the younger collegiate quintet.

Veteran Alexandria cagers who played stand out floor games were Dawn of Loyola (Chicago), Stockery of Detroit University, McCollock of Texas Tech and Jones of West Texas.

PETERSON CLASSIC GETS RECORD LIST OF ENTRIES

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Bowling's richest individual tournament, the individual Petersen classic, has hit a new high in entries and cash awards.

Competing for a total cash outlay of $41,200 will be 1,778 of the country's top keglers, as compared to last year's record prize of $30,400 and 1,216 bowlers. First prize in the classic for high score for eight games across 16 alleys will be $5,100, the game's highest singles award. It will run from January 27 through February 11.

Scheduled to be held concurrently with the classic is the doubles tourney, with some 700 teams competing for $16,800 cash awards.

GREAN BEATS GRAZIANO

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Harold Grean, 149-pound Brooklyn scrapper, outpointed Rocky Graziano, 154-pounder from New York's east side last night in Madison Square Garden in a return 10-rounder for which 10,237 fans paid $29,773.

Both fighters were down in the hectic scrap, Graziano taking a three count from a right to the chin in the second stanza, and Grean hitting the deck for nine in the eighth.

MACK ANXIOUS TO WIN JUST ONE MORE FLAG

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Connie Mack is 82 today and his one great ambition is to win one more pennant with his Philadelphia Athletics, "maybe in 1945."

It is the first time in 44 years that the veteran baseball manager has been absent from Philadelphia on his birthday. He wired his greetings to fans there:

"Your splendid support makes me all the more determined to give you a team you will be proud of. I am in hopes this can be accomplished in the near future."

Mr. and Mrs. Mack planned a quiet day at the hotel here where they are spending the winter. He will meet his family and southern California friends in a Christmas eve party tomorrow night.

HOPE FOR RECORD CROWD AT BATTLE

Blue-Gray Grid Classic May Draw 20,000 If Weather Permits

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Hope for a record crowd for the North-South football game here December 30 was expressed tonight by officials of the Blue-Gray Association, which sponsors the annual gridiron classic.

They said, however, that despite advance ticket sales which indicate an attendance of 20,000, unfavorable weather might hold the figure down. Last year, when a high school contest was substituted for the Blue-Gray game, less than 500 persons were in the stands, although several thousand tickets had been sold.

The largest crowd ever to see a football game in Montgomery was in 1942, when some 18,000 turned out for the North-South encounter.

Coaches and players of both teams rested tonight after their first workouts. The northern squad went through a peppy but serious practice session during the day under the guidance of Coaches Lynn Waldorf, Carl Snavely and Bo McMillan.

The Rebels concentrated on passing plays which brought approving grins from Coaches Wally Butts, Carl Voyles and Claude (Little Monk) Simon.

The Blues will rely on power plays, while the southern team leans toward speed and maneuverability.

The Gray lineup will lack three backfield men originally chosen: Jimmy Nelson, formerly of Alabama, Tom (Shorty) McWilliams of Mississippi State, and Glenn Dobbs, one time All-America at Tulsa who now plays with the Second Air Force Superbombers.

Injuries will keep Dobbs and McWilliams out of the game and Nelson, who is stationed at March Field, Calif., notified Blue-Gray officials Friday he could not be absent from his base.

BOWLING

Snappy Bowling Lanes keglers shaded the Selman Field bowlers two games to one, in another series at the Walnut street bowling alleys this past week, and the Snappy aggregation is now seeking a match game series with any team for Wednesday night.

Holmes, [illegible] for Snappy, was high pinsmasher of the series with 582. Abriata led the Selman [illegible] with 509 for the series.

Summaries

Selman	1	2	3	Tot
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burkelo	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Armer	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Abriata	181	184	[illegible]	[illegible]
Caldwell	189	171	136	[illegible]
Totals	[illegible]	794	[illegible]	[illegible]

Snappy	1	2	3	Tot
Lawson	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brogan	[illegible]	[illegible]	129	[illegible]
Jones	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ledbetter	[illegible]	154	174	[illegible]
Holmes	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Totals	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

38 TIDEMEN WILL GO ON BOWL TR

Alabama Ends For Holiday As Yule Spirit Grips Sugar Bowlers

TUSCALOOSA, Ala., Dec. 23.—(AP) Alabama's Sugar Bowl squad bro camp today for the Christmas holida after a brief workout consisting dummy scrimmage against Du plays.

The Yule spirit prevailed as t Tiders gathered in Coach Fra Thomas' office to receive gifts fro their tutors and the Athletic Asoci tion.

The gridders will leave he Wednesday morning for Baton Rou where they will practice at Louisia State until New Year's eve. On th day they will move into New O leans for a final workout and t clash with the Blue Devils on N Year's day.

The team's 38 members, all of wh will go to the Bowl, included 23 li men and 15 backs:

Ends—Ralph Jones, John McCo ville, Jim Pearl, Billy Fields, T Haley, Bob Cleary, Paul Davis.

Tackles—Buddy Edwards, T Whitley, Gene Elmore, Wayne Wa er, Julius Mozie, Quinn Cassidy.

Guards—Bruno Fillipini, John W niak, Jack Green, Billy Conway, A bert Kolosky, Jack Gallagher, Geo Whatley.

Centers—Vaughan Mancha, J Czerkawski, Rip Collins.

Quarterbacks—Hal Self, Hugh M row, Jack Lowery.

Left halfbacks—Harry Gilmer, Jo Hite, John Wade.

Right halfbacks — Lowell T George Albright, Jimmy Robert Lacey West, Corky Corbitt.

Fullbacks—Norwood Hodges, F Grant, Ed Podbielniak, Frank Mc phine.

Managers are Red Drew and Jim Sewell.

BLUE DEVILS TAKE REST FOR HOLIDAY

DURHAM, N. C., Dec. 23.—(A With most of the hard work beh them, the Blue Devil footballers Duke University will take a holi tomorrow and Christmas before suming drills Tuesday for their cl with University of Alabama in Sugar Bowl.

The Blue Devils now have o three more home workouts calenda before shoving off for New Orle

The squad will stage final polish sessions Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday, being scheduled to dep Friday in three different gro Complying with the wishes of the [illegible] of defense transportation, Blue Devil parties will leave fr Greensboro and one from Raleigh

They will not arrive in New Orle in time for a workout the next d so Coach Eddie Cameron plans to a brief limbering drill for Sun afternoon in the Sugar Bowl stadi scene of the New Year's battle.

The Blue Devils came out of [illegible] practice sessions w [illegible] but only Gene W [illegible] substitute tackle, is being cou [illegible] of the approaching New Ye [illegible] Willhoite suffered a broken ar last week.

The rest of the team's cripples, [illegible] reserves are expected to ready for action by game-time.

"The boys have been coming al [illegible]," Coach Cameron commen today, "and we have been work hard for this game. We are tr our best to be ready for it. We kn Alabama has a tough ball club a just hope we can be as tough as t are when we play each other."

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SELMAN CAGE TEAM SUFFERS SEVERE MANPOWER PROBLEM

Loss Of Don Martin And Howie McMahon By Transfers Weakens Cyclone Quintet For Game Wednesday With Strong Alexandria AAB Aggregation

The threat of the Selman Field Cyclones to dominate cage play in northern Louisiana and vicinity was dealt a serious blow yesterday with the announcement from post headquarters of the transfer of Don Martin and Howie McMahon, Selman's pair of stellar guards.

The transfers are a result of the recent war department ruling which sends air force personnel to the ground forces where they can make a greater contribution to the war effort.

Short, stocky Don Martin, former Georgetown University star, has led the Selman quintet to five victories this season, sparking the play in each encounter. Don was a member of the great Jefferson Barracks squad last year, the team that chalked up a phenomenal record of 23 wins, losing only to the nationally known Phillips 66 Oilers.

Howie McMahon, speedy guard and masterful ball handler who pairs with Martin to round out the main line of defensive play, will leave at the same time.

Coach Fred Heinlen said that Martin and McMahon would play their last game against Alexandria Army Air Base in the Selman Field gym next Wednesday night.

From all indications Cyclone fans will witness a classy exhibition of basketball when the local club clashes with the aggregation from Alexandria. The Selmanites are seeking revenge for the defeat suffered at the hands of the Alex group early this month in final minutes of play. On the other hand the Alexandria quintet boasts that their squad is improved and point with pride to 12 victories with a single setback the only mar on their record.

The Bomber five is coached by Don Galbreath, an exponent of quick-break, midwestern style basketball, an offensive brand of ball. Galbreath led the Salt Lake City Wings to basketball, baseball and football championships last year. He formerly coached San Diego in the Pacific Coast professional football league and was one of the famous Oregon State Iron Men in collegiate football.

Two newcomers who helped lead the Alex Bombers to the Second Air Force baseball crown this summer are taking a major role in directing the Bombers' basketball fortunes. Frank O'Hare, 21-year-old New York City guard, was the defensive star in a two-game series with Galveston, Tex., Army Air Field in the Second Air Force league opener this week. Six-foot three-inch Fred Taylor of Zanesville, O., has shown consisten improvement for the past six weeks and has averaged seven points a game as a first-string center and forward in the past 10 victories.

Jack Dwan, former Loyola College (Chicago) cager, holds down the center position. Deadly on one-arm half-court shots, Dwan leads team scoring with 90 points in five games.

Rounding out the starting five for the Bombers are Roy Jones, ex-West Texas State Teachers College forward and Larry McCollock, former Texas Tech guard.

BEST EFFORT WINS FEATURED SPRINT

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Best Effort, a black two-year-old owned by C. C. Tanner, came from behind today under topweight of 122 pounds to win the $2,500 Pontchartrain Handicap, feature of the Fair Grounds inaugural card.

The son of Ladysman won by a length over Joe W. Brown's King Dorsett, after overcoming what looked like a commanding lead opened by King Dorsett. Transbet, owned by the Four Oaks stable, was third, more than six lengths behind Best Effort.

The handicap, a six-furlong affair for two-year-olds, attracted a small field. The Tanner entry of Best Effort and Dollar Mark were odds-on favorites, paying $2.80 for a $2 ticket in the mutuels.

King Dorsett set a fast pace with Lovely Trace in close attendance. It seemed the brown colt had things all its own way until Best Effort started pounding down the home stretch and won going away.

Well handled by jockey Nick Jemas, Best Effort ran the distance in 1:14. Strung out behind the three leaders were Dollar Mark, Lovely Trace, Tough Target and Dick King.

DALLAS NAVY WINS

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Dallas Naval Air Station cagers stepped on the gas in the last half to turn back an invading 13th Armored division quinted from Camp Bowie, 39 to 26, at the NAS court last night. Martin, guard, topped the winners with twelve points. NAS led at the half 15-14.

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SELECTIVE SERVICE IS REQUESTED TO REVIEW PRO ATHLETES' CASES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes tonight instructed selective service to review the qualifications for military service of men engaged in professional athletics.

In a letter to Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey, Byrnes said it was difficult for him and for the public to understand how men can be physically unfit for military service and "yet be able to compete with the greatest athletes of the nation in games demanding physical fitness."

In view of the manpower shortage,, Byrnes added, he thought serious consideration should be given to "recalling these men into the armed services or where they have not heretofore been inducted, calling them for another physical examination."

Hershey advised Byrnes that he was directing local boards to review the classification of men known to be engaged in professional athletics.

Hershey noted in his letter that Gen. George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, had issued regulations Nov. 29 directing that no nationally prominent athletes, stage, screen and radio figures be discharged from the army without referring their cases to the war department for final decision.

Prior to Marshall's order, any commanding officer had been free to release men under him.

BATON ROUGE ALL-STATE TEAM REPRESENTS NINE OF LOUISIANA'S SCHOOLS

BATON ROUGE, La., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Nine Louisiana schools are represented on the All-State high school football team for 1944 which was chosen by sports writers of the two Baton Rouge newspapers and local high school coaches.

FIRST TEAM

Players	School	Pos.	Class
Donald Hemphill	(Bogalusa)	LE	Senior
Garnett Baird	(Byrd)	LT	Senior
Gerald Reynolds	(Baton Rouge)	LG	Senior
Albert Sanders	(Baton Rouge)	C	Senior
Walter Villars	(Nicholls)	RG	Senior
Homer McGaugh	(Istrouma)	RT	Senior
Bill Kellum	(Haynesville)	RE	Senior
Gene Simmons	(Istrouma)	QB	Senior
Harrell Collins	(Baton Rouge)	LH	Senior
Hillary Chollet	(Holy Cross)	RH	Senior
Bob Lantrip	(Lake Charles)	FB	Junior

SECOND TEAM

Ends—Bo Clements, Baton Rouge, and Joe Leach, Byrd. Tackles—Pat O'Sullivan, Holy Cross, and Billy Golden, Fair Park. Guards—Bernard Scelfo, Bogalusa, and Alvin Brinker, Holy Cross. Center—Wilford Crockett, Bogalusa. Backs—Harvey Johnson, Fair Park, Wayne Kingery, Lake Charles, Bobby Clegg, Istrouma, and Rudy Daly, Holy Cross.

HAL GREEN AGAIN DEFEATS WELTERWEIGHT GRAZIANO

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Although he hit the deck for a count of nine in the eighth round, Harold Green 149, Brooklyn, again outpointed Rocky Graziano, 154, New York, in their return 10-rounder at Madison Square Garden last night. In their first meeting Green was down for nine in the last 15 seconds of the scrap, but won on points.

A crowd of 10,237 that contributed to a gross of $29,773 saw the two welterweights put on a slugging match all the way. Graziano went down for a three count in the second stanza.

PAUL HARTNEK IS SIGNED AS COACH FOR BOYS TOWN

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Paul Hartnek, heavyweight boxer and a former Creighton University football star, is going to serve as a boys supervisor and instructor in boxing and swimming at Boys Town.

Father Flanagan, founder and director of the institution for homeless boys, said Hartnek, who has been fighting professionally for seven years, would assume his new duties next week.

70,000 TO 80,000 RETURNED MONTHLY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—The army is returning a total of 70,000 to 80,000 men every month from overseas, but only about 22,000 of the total are coming back under the rotation plan.

About 8,000 are being returned for temporary duty in the states. The remainder represents sick and wounded soldiers, and men brought back for operational reasons.

The information came fro mSecretary of War Stimson, in reply to a letter from Senator Cordon, Republican, Oregon.

Stimson said the best the war department could do is determine the total number that can be returned and then apportion that number among the various overseas theaters.

He told Cordon he was glad to be able to say that recently all limitations were removed on the number of soldiers who may be returned from overseas on leave or furlough to spend one month at home.
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VALUABLE PENNY STAMPS

LONDON—(AP)—A block of 12 penny black Canadian stamps issued in 1851 brought about $650 at an auction.

TRACKS QUICK TO GIVE COOPERATION

'Racing Everywhere Will Comply Instantly,' Declares Bayard Swope

By Orlo Robertson

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Racing was quick to fall in line today with War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes' request that all tracks close by Jan. 3, 1945.

Even though the directive means the temporary end of a sport that yielded $55,971,232.87 in revenue to 17 states and brought in close to $16,000,000 in charity during 1944, threatens a breeding industry in which millions of dollars are invested and figures to throw several thousand men out of their present employment, there was not a racing official who declined to cooperate to the fullest extent.

Herbert Bayard Swope, chairman of the New York State Racing Commission, questioned the advisability of making the edict nation-wide but said:

"Racing everywhere will comply instantly with regulations which Washington authorities regard as being helpful to winning the war. That is our only business."

Col. Matt Winn, head of Churchill Downs, Empire City and Lincoln Fields, likewise expressed the general sentiment when he said:

"There is only one thing to do. Obey the boss."

As to the future of his own Kentucky Derby, the colonel declined to make a prediction.

"It will not be run until early in May and the situation may change by that time," said Winn.

Officials of tracks in Florida, where Gulfstream closed today and Tropical Park opens Monday with Hialeah to follow in January; New Orleans, where a 75-day session opened today, and California, where several fall meetings were to be followed by the re-opening of Santa Anita Dec. 30, were surprised by Byrnes' order but immediately made plans to close.

Jerry Brady, director of racing at Tropical, said it is possible the Coral Gables track would run until Jan. 3 in order to help the stranded horsemen. Some 2,000 horses are quartered in the Miami area.

The Los Angeles Turf Club, which operates Santa Anita, indicated it would operate for three days for the same reason. Between 1,200 and 1,300 thoroughbreds are stabled at the California track.

Julius Reeder, racing secretary at New Orlean's Fair Grounds, said plans had been made for a big season but "we've always cooperated with the government and will continue to do so."

Several horsemen pointed out that if the suspension of racing lasts any length of time it will deal a hard blow to the breeding farms, since there will be little or no market for horses.

Swope said he was surprised at the breadth of the order.

"It is evident that it was animated by labor conditions, more than by any other single factor," said the New York racing head. "Yet, New York, Florida, Massachusetts and other eastern states are not in an acute labor area. California is. That state is the center of war-time production which isn't true of some of the other regions.

"I doubt if war labor will be substantially recruited from race tracks, for there the majority of the employes are old men or under-sized boys. The sport, or business, has a clean record in this respect.

"It is interesting that racing has been continued in England, France, Belgium and even in Germany until last summer. However, there is only one thought that animates all of us. If racing or anything else interferes with the war, out it must go."

Donald P. Ross, acting president of Delaware State Park while Col. J. Simpson Dean is with the army in France, said that "our park, a non-profit organization, can always be depended upon to cooperate with the war effort."

He pointed out that the park was closed all during 1943 and re-opened in 1944 at the request of the Delaware governor to produce revenue for the state.

ELLINGTON TRIUMPHS

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Coming from behind in the second half, Ellington Field trounced Rodd Naval Air Field of Corpus Christi, 45 to 29, in a basketball game last night.

Rodd led, 20-12, at the intermission.

Tony Braginetz of Illington, with 18 points, was high scorer.

CAGING IS FAMILY AFFAIR

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 23.—(AP)—When Dale Hutt, former Purdue basketball player, goes out nights to play with Ecker's Intermountain A. A. U. champions, does his wife, Dorothy, stay home with a good book?

Not at all. She plays in a girls' cage league, just as she used to do in Illinois.

BELIEVED DROWNED, MAN IS FOUND SAFE

BATON ROUGE, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Vincent Altic of Harrington, Va., who disappeared overboard from the New Orleans tugboat Kiska during a pre-Christmas celebration early this morning, reappeared early this afternoon at the river front inquiring for his boat, which had since left.

He learned to his amazement that he had been the object of a search since he went overboard in the Mississippi river at 2:15 this morning. Virgil Ellis of Portsmouth, Ohio, went over at the same time but he was rescued. Rescuers were unable to find Altic who they said was last seen this morning as he floated toward the current of the river.

PETRO BEATS AVILES

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Danny Petro, 128, of Washington, D. C., outpointed Angel Aviles, 128, of Mexico City, in a 10 round bout last night.

NATION'S RACE TRACKS SHUT DOWN BY GOVERNMENT ORDER

Blow To Turfmen Leaves Other Sports Wondering About Their Own Fate In Coming Months; Announcement Mentions Only 'Animal Races'

By Bus Ham

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Jimmy Byrnes today ordered the saddles off the country's race horses and numbers off the dogs, and left other sports wondering if they also will be subjected to further curtailment.

The war mobilization director, with President Roosevelt's approval, asked all racing tracks to close up January 3, 1945, and to refrain from resuming "until war conditions permit."

Byrnes' original announcement mentioned only "horse-racing" but his office later explained that "it applies to all animal races."

Byrnes' announcement was couched in the language of an appeal to the sporting spirit of track operators, but he left no doubt that the crackdown is definite by adding:

"I am confident that the management of these tracks can be depended upon to take prompt action without the necessity of recourse to other measures."

Existing war conditions demand the manpower and transportation now being used for racing meets, Byrnes said. The sport has grown to gigantic wartime proportions.

RACING FACTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Thoroughbred racing facts and figures for 1944:

Starters, 11,258.

Tracks, 80 (approximately).

Attendance, 18,000,000.

Betting, $1,126,308,645.

States revenue, $55,971,232.87.

War charity, $16,000,000.

Track and breeding farm employes, 40,000 (estimated).

Track and breeding farm payroll, $50,000,000,000 annually (estimated).

Value of all thoroughbreds, $55,000,000 (estimated).

Race track investments, $175,000,000 (estimated).

States in which racing was held: New York, Florida, Illinois, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Maryland, California, Michigan, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Delaware, Arkansas, Washington, Ohio, Louisiana, Kentucky, and West Virginia.

In 17 states, $1,126,308,645 was bet during the 1944 season, of which $55,971,232.87 went for taxes. New York's wagering topped the list at $410,230,402 in 181 racing days.

New York City's mayor, F. H. La Guardia, outspoken critic of gambling, was one of the first to applaud Byrnes' action, exclaiming, "A Daniel come to judgment."

"I'm for Jimmy for president," he said.

In racing circles, Col. Matt Winn, head of the Kentucky Derby, expressed the general sentiment, saying "there is only one thing to do and that's to obey the boss. . . . Things must be pretty serious for the government to take such action and we should follow every instruction."

Florida was hit hardest by Byrnes' unexpected double-barrelled decision. Florida's Gulfstream Track closed a 20-day meeting today, Tropical Park had a meeting scheduled to open Monday, Hialeah Park a 40-day program beginning January 17, and the principal dog tracks are in that state.

Clark Griffith, owner of the Washington Senators, said that there is no reason why Byrnes' ruling should affect baseball.

"Horse racing does not come in the same category with baseball," he said, adding: "We're amusement and recreation."

War manpower commission sources said that officials are open-minded about baseball and will judge that situation when the season opens.

But Byrnes' action, coming shortly after a War Department announcement that no more big-name athletes will be discharged from service without being closely checked, left the sports world in doubt as to its immediate future.

Recent bad turn of events in Europe, coupled with manpower and absenteeism problems in California brought racing to the attention of Byrnes through the WMC.

An employment ceiling recently was authorized by WMC to permit the opening of the Santa Anita track in Los Angeles, a critical labor area.

WMC felt that reopening of this track could not be disapproved since other tracks were being allowed to operate in other areas equally critical.

Byrnes stepped in and called a halt, saying:

"The operation of race tracks not only required the employment of manpower needed for essential operation, but also manpower, railroad transportation as well as tires and gasoline in the movement of patrons to and from the track, and in the movement of horses and their attendants.

"The existing war situation demands the utmost effort that the people of the United States can give to the support of its armed forces in the production of needed war materials.

"The operation of race tracks is not conducive to this all-out effort."

In California, the Los Angeles Turf Club said that it will "accede to the presidential request" and close its Santa Anita meeting January 3, which will permit but three days of a scheduled 55-day meet.

WMC sources estimated that employment ceilings on race tracks average about 400 persons, and that all of those affected will now be required to enter essential industry.

6 TEAMS IN RED SHIELD LEAGUE

Captain Jack Hesketh of the Salvation Army, sponsor of the Red Shield Basketball League, last night announced the First Methodists of Monroe would again sponsor a team in the league, thus rounding out a membership of six teams for competition which starts January 4.

Other teams in the loop are Louisiana Training Institute, First Baptists of West Monroe, Independents, St. Matthew's, and Red Shield Club.

GRAYSON'S SCOREBOARD

By Harry Grayson
(NEA Service Sports Editor)

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—You go to see Einar Thulin about Gunder Hagg and wind up writing about Einar Thulin.

A college man born and educated in Sweden, Thulin's appearance belies his 48 years. He hardly looks old enough to have started his newspaper career in Stockholm in 1918. He is athletically-built, ruddy-faced, blue-eyed, sparsely-thatched.

Thulin came to this country to cable 5,000 words on the first Dempsey-Tunney fight in Philadelphia in 1926, likes the place, has been the American correspondent in New York for leading Swedish newspapers ever since. He filed 10,000 words on the America's Cup races of 1934.

Thulin was at Lakehurst in 1937 to meet the editor of the Stockholm Tidningen, who perished in the disaster, when the dirigible Hindenburg exploded and burned. His 2,000-word eye-witness story cabled to Tidningen was a model of spot news coverage.

He cabled more than 40,000 words to Tidningen during router Hagg's American tour of 1943.

In connection with Hagg's initial American appearance in the National A. A. U. 5,000-meters at Randall's Island stadium, Thulin made the first direct radio reportage to Sweden in history.

More than 90 per cent of Sweden's population of 6,000,000 including King Gustaf, listened—a record in Swedish broadcasting.

This also gives you a rough idea of the Swedes' interest in Hagg and track and field, which is their national pastime.

Thulin is Sweden's best known and most respected sports writer. His opinions and views carry great weight on the other side, particularly in view of his athletic background.

He was one of the finest all-around athletes ever developed in Sweden, a member of that nation's Olympic team which completed in Antwerp in 1920, when he reached the finals in the high jump. His six feet four-and-a-half inches was the best in Europe in 1921.

Thulin competed in practically every country on the continent. He was a member of Sweden's international soccer teams, won tournaments in running, boxing, tennis, swimming, bicycling and fencing.

Thulin is the father of two sons. Einar Jr., 21, six feet three and 200 pounds, is a member of the Norwegian air force with headquarters in England.

"Four-year-old Tommy's initials are TNT!" he tells you, proudly.

Einar Thulin is the closest link between the American sports scene and the Scandinavian peninsula.

HUNGARY SETS UP PROVISIONAL RULE

LONDON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Moscow announced tonight that a provisional Hungarian national assembly had been elected in liberated portions of that country and had started work at Debrecen to establish a new provisional government which would cooperate with the United Nations.

The broadcast of the Moscow announcement, recorded here by the Soviet monitor, said the 230-member assembly held an organizational meeting December 21 and issued an appeal to the Hungarian people to break with Hitler's Germany and join the United Nations.

The new government as it is authorized to set up would rival the puppet regime of pro-Nazi Ferenc Szalasi which has fled from besieged Budapest to Sopron on the Austro-Hungarian border.

The assembly elected as its president Bela Zede, professor of the Juridical Academy at Miskolc. Vice presidents are Kalman Santo, professor at Debrecen University, and Dr. Sandor Yuhadnagy, a leader of the Reform Church in Hungary.

It met in a building of the Reform College.

Delegates to the assembly were elected by Hungarian citizens in liberated territory in voting December 13 to 20, the Moscow radio reported.

The assembly, it said, called for a break with Nazi Germany, an armistice with the Allies and joining in the war for Hungary's liberation.

"We must break with Hitlerite Germany," the assembly declaration was quoted. "We must sign an armistice with the victorious Allied powers, the Soviet Union, Great Britain and the U. S. A.

"We must not stand aside with folded arms while the Russian army alone is liberating our motherland from the German yoke. We will truly merit the right to freedom and independence only when we ourselves with all our might take part in our own liberation."

WHITE MAY NOT PLAY

ATLANTA, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Jo Jo White, Cincinnati Reds' outfielder sold to Sacramento of the Pacific Coast League, says he may forego play next year to continue work with a Detroit company.

White, here on a visit, said "I don't think I fancy playing out there (West Coast). It's too hot."

Now 36, he once played with Seattle for several years.

RACERS TO ABIDE BY NEWEST ORDER

Nation's Tracks Will Cooperate In Anyway To Shorten Duration Of War

SATISFIED

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Mayor F. H. LaGuardia, outspoken critic of gambling, exclaimed "a Daniel come to judgment" when he learned today that War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes had requested all race tracks to close Jan. 3.

"I'm for Jimmy for president," the mayor said.

LaGuardia said that betting figures for New York City racing this year totaled $400,000,000.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—(AP)—The first reaction of race track operators to the suggestion of War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes that all tracks close their gates by Jan. 3, 1945 was one of cooperation.

Col. Matt Winn, head of Churchill Downs, Empire City and Lincoln Fields, expressed the general sentiment when he said:

"There is only one thing to do. Obey the boss."

From Miami, Fla., where Gulfstream closes today and Tropical Park opens Monday with Hialeah to follow in January; New Orleans and California, where Santa Anita was scheduled to resume racing on Dec. 30 after a lapse of two years, came official word that they would abide by Byrnes' directive.

Jerry Brady, director of racing at Tropical, said it is possible Tropical will run until Jan. 3 in order to try to help the stranded horsemen. Some 2,000 horses are quartered in the Miami area.

"Racing is a big business and the government request is a blow," said Brady. "But if the shutdown will help win the war, then naturally there is no alternative."

The Los Angeles Turf Club indicated it would run three days, closing down on Jan. 2.

"We always have cooperated with the government" said Julius Reeder, general manager of the Fair Grounds at New Orleans, "and we will continue to do so."

As for the Kentucky Derby, Winn said he was not ready to make any decision as it will not be run until early in May and the situation may change by that time.

"Things must be pretty serious for the government to take such action and we should follow every instruction," added the colonel who built the Derby from just another horse race into the country's greatest racing spectacle.

L. S. U. DROPS FIRST GAME TO AAB QUINT

ALEXANDRIA, La., Dec. 23.—(AP)—The Alexandria Army Air Field dropped a heavy bombardment blockbuster to blast Louisiana State University 55 to 31 at Bolton High School here last night.

Nearly 2,900 spectators witnessed the L. S. U. opener as a feature of the Rapides parish war loan contest.

The Bombers shoved off to an early lead and ran up 20 points before the Tigers notted their second basket. Half time score was 30-5.

Using reserve power, the Bombers made it a nip and tuck battle during the second half.

Frank Ohare 21-year-old New York City guard, paced the Bombers attack with 13 points. Fred Taylor, rangy Zanesville (Ohio) forward followed with 11.

Using a four-man wheel and fast break offense the Bombers completely outpassed the younger collegiate quintet.

Veteran Alexandria cagers who played stand out floor games were Dawn of Loyola (Chicago), Stockely of Detroit University McCollock of Texas Tech and Jones of West Texas.

PETERSON CLASSIC GETS RECORD LIST OF ENTRIES

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Bowling's richest individual tournament, the individual Petersen classic, has hit a new high in entries and cash awards.

Competing for a total cash outlay of $43,200 will be 1,728 of the country's top keglers, as compared to last year's record prize of $30,400 and 1,216 bowlers. First prize in the classic for high score for eight games across 16 alleys will be $5,100, the game's highest singles award. It will run from January 27 through February 11.

Scheduled to be held concurrently with the classic is the doubles tourney, with some 700 teams competing for $16,800 cash awards.

GREAN BEATS GRAZIANO

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Harold Grean, 149-pound Brooklyn scrapper, outpointed Rocky Graziano, 154-pounder from New York's east side last night in Madison Square Garden, in a return 10-rounder for which 10,237 fans paid $29,773.

Both fighters were down in the hectic scrap, Graziano taking a three count from a right to the chin in the second stanza, and Grean hitting the deck for nine in the eighth.

MACK ANXIOUS TO WIN JUST ONE MORE FLAG

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Connie Mack is 82 today and his one great ambition is to win one more pennant with his Philadelphia Athletics, "maybe in 1945."

It is the first time in 44 years that the veteran baseball manager has been absent from Philadelphia on his birthday. He wired his greetings to fans there:

"Your splendid support makes me all the more determined to give you a team you will be proud of. I am in hopes this can be accomplished in the near future."

Mr. and Mrs. Mack planned a quiet day at the hotel here where they are spending the winter. He will meet his family and southern California friends in a Christmas eve party tomorrow night.

HOPE FOR RECORD CROWD AT BATTLE

Blue-Gray Grid Classic May Draw 20,000 If Weather Permits

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Hope for a record crowd for the North-South football game here December 30 was expressed tonight by officials of the Blue-Gray Association, which sponsors the annual gridiron classic.

They said, however, that despite advance ticket sales which indicate an attendance of 20,000, unfavorable weather might hold the figure down. Last year, when a high school contest was substituted for the Blue-Gray game, less than 500 persons were in the stands, although several thousand tickets had been sold.

The largest crowd ever to see a football game in Montgomery was in 1942, when some 18,000 turned out for the North-South encounter.

Coaches and players of both teams rested tonight after their first workouts. The northern squad went through a peppy but serious practice session during the day under the guidance of Coaches Lynn Waldorf, Carl Snavely and Bo McMillan.

The Rebels concentrated on passing plays which brought approving grins from Coaches Wally Butts, Carl Voyles and Claude (Little Monk) Simon.

The Blues will rely on power plays, while the southern team leans toward speed and maneuverability.

The Gray lineup will lack three backfield men originally chosen: Jimmy Nelson, formerly of Alabama; Tom (Shorty) McWilliams of Mississippi State, and Glenn Dobbs, one time All-America at Tulsa who now plays with the Second air force Superbombers.

Injuries will keep Dobbs and McWilliams out of the game, and Nelson, who is stationed at March Field, Calif., notified Blue-Gray officials Friday he could not be absent from his base.

BOWLING

Snappy Bowling Lane's keglers shaded the Selman Field bowlers, two games to one, in another series at the Walnut street bowling alleys the past week, and the Snappy aggregation is now seeking a match game series with any team for Wednesday night.

Holmes, anchorman for Snappy, was high pin-shasher of the series with 582. Abriatis led the Selman outfit with 509 for the series.

Summaries:

Selman	1	2	3	Tot.
Bissell	113	108	135	376
Burkelo	180	138	137	455
Armer	137	180	172	489
Abriatis	181	194	155	530
Caldwell	189	174	146	509
Totals	820	794	745	2359

Snappy	1	2	3	Tot.
Lawson	181	162	139	482
Brogan	182	168	128	478
Jones	127	163	136	426
Ledbetter	153	174	174	501
Holmes	147	180	255	582
Totals	790	847	832	2469

38 TIDEMEN WILL GO ON BOWL TRI

Alabama Ends For Holiday As Yule Spirit Grips Sugar Bowlers

TUSCALOOSA, Ala., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Alabama's Sugar Bowl squad brok camp today for the Christmas holida after a brief workout consisting dummy scrimmage against Du plays.

The Yule spirit prevailed as t Tiders gathered in Coach Fra Thomas' office to receive gifts fr their tutors and the Athletic Asoci tion.

The gridders will leave h Wednesday morning for Baton Roug where they will practice at Louisia State until New Year's eve. On th day they will move into New O leans for a final workout and t clash with the Blue Devils on N Year's day.

The team's 38 members, all of wh will go to the Bowl, included 23 li men and 15 backs:

Ends—Ralph Jones, John McCo ville, Jim Pearl, Billy Fields, T Haley, Bob Cleary, Paul Davis.

Tackles—Buddy Edwards, T Whitley, Gene Elmore, Wayne Wa er, Julius Mozie, Quinn Cassidy.

Guards—Bruno Fillipini, John W niak, Jack Green, Billy Conway, A bert Kolosky, Jack Gallagher, Geo Whatley.

Centers—Vaughan Mancha, J Czerkawski, Rip Collins.

Quarterbacks—Hal Self, Hugh M row, Jack Lowery.

Left halfbacks—Harry Gilmer, Jo Hite, John Wade.

Right halfbacks — Lowell T George Albright, Jimmy Roberts Lacey West, Corky Corbitt.

Fullbacks—Norwood Hodges, F Grant, Ed Podbielniak, Frank Mc phine.

Managers are Red Drew and Jim Sewell.

BLUE DEVILS TAKE REST FOR HOLIDAY

DURHAM, N. C., Dec. 23.—(A With most of the hard work beh them, the Blue Devil footballers Duke University will take a holi tomorrow and Christmas before suming drills Tuesday for their cl with University of Alabama in Sugar Bowl.

The Blue Devils now have o three more home workouts calenda before shoving off for New Orle

The squad will stage final polish sessions Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday, being scheduled to de Friday in three different grou Complying with the wishes of the fice of defense transportation, Blue Devil parties will leave fr Greensboro and one from Raleigh

They will not arrive in New Orle in time for a workout the next d so Coach Eddie Cameron plans to a brief limbering drill for Sun afternoon in the Sugar Bowl stadi scene of the New Year's battle.

The Blue Devils came out of weeks stiff practice sessions w plenty of bruises but only Gene W hoite, substitute tackle, is being cou ed out of the approaching New Ye tilt. Wilhoite suffered a broken ar last week.

The rest of the team's cripples, of them reserves, are expected to ready for action by game-time.

"The boys have been coming al nicely," Coach Cameron commen today, "and we have been work hard for this game. We are try our best to be ready for it. We kn Alabama has a tough ball club an just hope we can be as tough as are when we play each other."

People with heavy bony ridges derneath their eyebrows usually strong, with well-developed musc

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SERIOUS DANGER IS SEEN IN DEBT

Experts Say $300,000,000,000 Burden Needs Careful Handling

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Fiscal xperts took a look today at a prosective national debt of $300,000,000,000 nd said its management will afford ne of the greatest challenges ever to onfront the government.

At stake in finding a sound method f handling it are the solvency of the overnment, stability of the national conomy and the savings and investents of every American.

These experts aren't exactly worried t. But they are working on a budet, which President Roosevelt will ubmit to Congress in about ten days, hich will hoist the debt to upwards $300,000,000,000.

In former years, they say, it didn't atter greatly if there was a bit of deficit—or even a sizable deficit—r the total debt was relatively small nd there always were prospects of unning into a period of good years hich would permit trimming it to omfortable size.

But after this war, the government on't be able to take many chances, or it is going to cost about as much pay interest on the debt, to say thing of retiring it, as it used to st for total pre-war expenses of the vernment.

And, should peace plans prove inequate, it would be a staggering b to pile costs of another war on top a $300,000,000,000 debt.

Disturbing many economists, too, is idea that another depression may t in two or three years after the war ds.

Some of them believe the immediate st-war years will be relatively prosrous, that demands pent up during e war will be unleashed. Others say at the prospect of heavy delayed mands has been exaggerated, ext in a few lines of consumer goods. But both groups' views pretty well incide on a sharp dip toward depression levels after two or three postwar years.

Should those fears prove well founded and the national income slip back to something like $40,000,000,000 a year, the government might find itself borrowing again to meet running expenses—and borrowing to pay interest on its borrowed money.

Consequently, government financial authorities are hopeful that America can keep the annual national income at $140,000,000,000 to $150,000,000,000 after the war.

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THE EYE IS A MOTOR

NEW YORK—(AP)—The eye is not only a sense organ, but also is what psychologists call a motor, or action organ, says the Better Vision Institute. Muscles inside the eye adjust the lens and the iris, muscles outside rotate and focus the eye for binocular vision.

CRASH VICTIM

Lt. David R. Bell who was graduated from Selman Field with class 44-2, was killed this week in a crash of his medium bomber near the Raleigh-Durham Army Air Base. Four other fliers were killed and two injured. The plane was from Greenville, S. C. Army Air Base. The photo above was taken while Lt. Bell was an aviation cadet here.

GETS AWARD FOR D-DAY DECISION

LONDON, Dec. 23.—(AP)— Col Donald Yates of Bangor, Me., was awarded the Legion of Merit today for his part in deciding which day should be D-day.

Lt. Gen. Carl Spaatz, commander of the United States strategic air forces in Europe, pinned the medal on Yates in a ceremony during which five other fliers were decorated.

Yates' "Good judgment, skill, sound leadership and reconciliation of differences" in forecasting the weather for June 6 won him the award.

"The value of his advice since has been proven," the citation said, "as the day selected for the continental assault probably was the only day during the month of June on which the operation could have been launched."

Lt. Sam Battalo, 1307 Farmer avenue, Vicksburg, Miss., was decorated with the Distinguished Service Cross for sticking to his bombsight despite severe wounds while his Flying Fortress visited three targets before finding an opening in the clouds.

"When the bombs were finally dropped, the aim was perfect," the citation said.

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RIVER STAGES

Stations	Present Station	24-hour Change
MISSISSIPPI		
St. Louis	1.7	0.3 Fall
Memphis	4.0	0.1 Fall
Helena	7.0	1.1 Fall
Arkansas City	6.9	0.7 Fall
Vicksburg	6.4	0.9 Fall
Natchez	11.3	0.9 Fall
Baton Rouge	7.5	1.1 Fall
OUACHITA		
Camden	9.2	0.3 Fall
Monroe	17.1	0.1 Fall
Pittsburgh	16.8	0.1 Rise
Cincinnati	14.0	0.5 Fall
Cairo	14.1	0.3 Rise
TENNESSEE		
Chattanooga	9.7	0.3 Fall
CUMBERLAND		
Nashville	10.9	0.1 Rise
ARKANSAS		
Little Rock	4.1	0.1 Fall
RED		
Shreveport	9.2	0.2 Fall
Alexandria	9.1	0.5 Fall

THE SPIRIT OF AN American Christmas

Peace on Earth . . . Good will toward men

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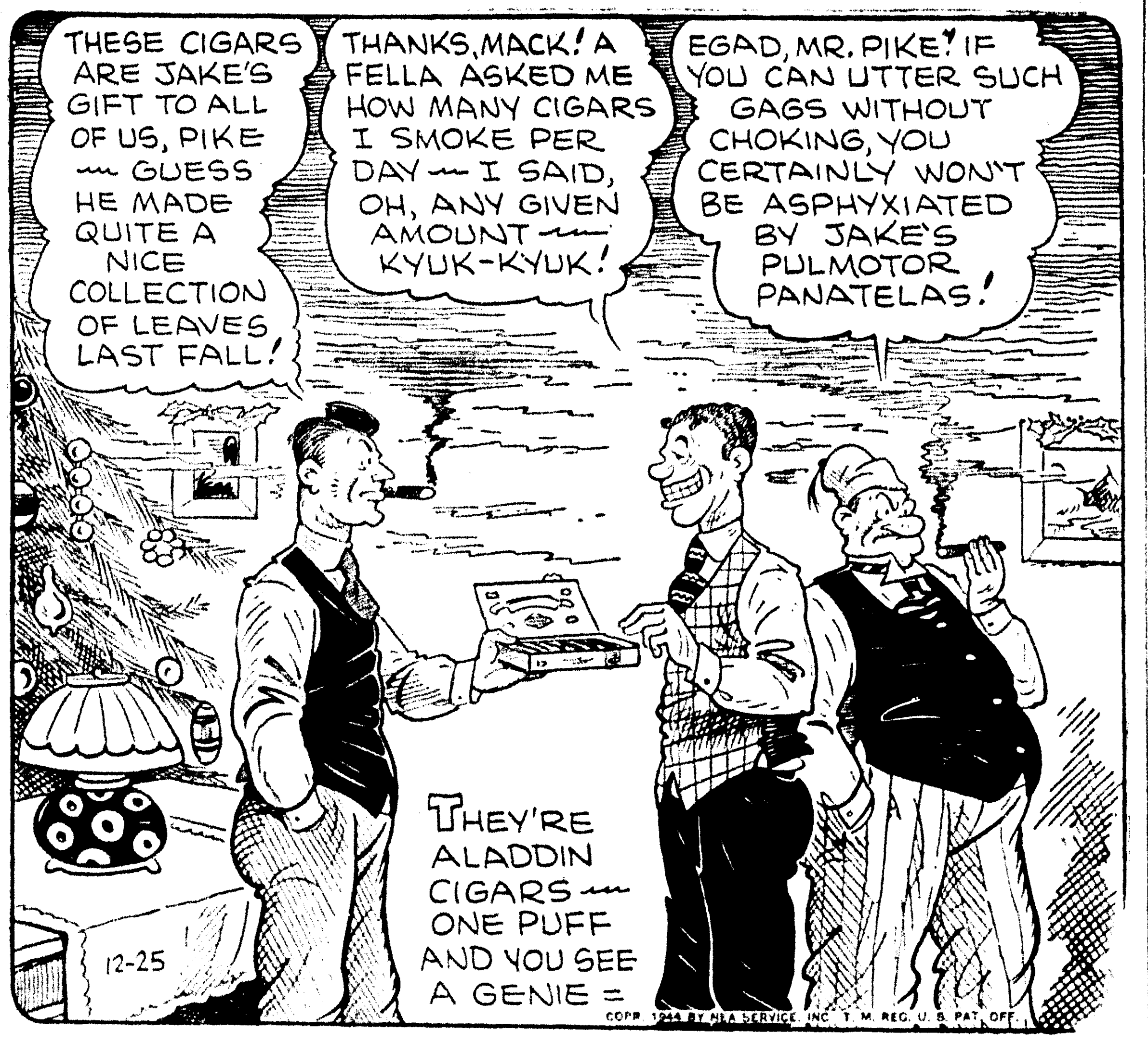

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THANKS, MACK! A FELLA ASKED ME HOW MANY CIGARS I SMOKE PER DAY — I SAID, OH, ANY GIVEN AMOUNT — KYUK-KYUK!
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World's Latest Market News

NEW YORK STOCKS

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—(AP)— A few favorites continued to make a little headway in today's short stock market but many leaders found the recovery trail a bit rough.

More than the usual amount of caution was evident in Wall street. Most customers were reluctant to "get out on a limb" owing to the forthcoming holiday. All exchanges will recess Monday.

Trends were irregularly improved at the start. Dealings then tapered appreciably and, near the close, quotations were somewhat spotty. Turnover of around 340,000 shares was about half that of the preceding Saturday.

Bonds were steady and commodities mixed.

FINAL QUOTATIONS:

Air Reduction	[illegible]
Allied Stores	[illegible]
Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing	[illegible]
American Can	[illegible]
American Car & Foundry	[illegible]
American & Foreign Power	[illegible]
American Locomotive	[illegible]
American Power & Light	[illegible]
American Rolling Mills	[illegible]
American Smelting & Refining	[illegible]
American Sugar Refining	[illegible]
American Tel & Tel	164
American Tobacco B	[illegible]
American Water Works	[illegible]
Anaconda Copper	28
Atchison T & S F	82
Aviation Corporation	[illegible]
Baltimore & Ohio	[illegible]
Barnsdall Oil	[illegible]
Bendix Aviation	[illegible]
Bethlehem Steel	[illegible]
Boeing Airplane	[illegible]
Borden Co	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
Montgomery Ward	[illegible]
Nash Kelvinator	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
National Dairy Products	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
Pan American Airways	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
Sears Roebuck	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
Texas Co	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
Union Oil California	[illegible]
United Air Lines	[illegible]
United Aircraft	[illegible]
United Corporation	[illegible]
United Drug	[illegible]
United Gas Improvement	[illegible]
United States Rubber	[illegible]
United States Smelting R & M	[illegible]
United States Steel	[illegible]
Vanadium Corporation	[illegible]
Warner Brothers Pictures	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
Western Union Telegraph A	[illegible]
Westinghouse Air Brake	[illegible]
Woolworth F W	43

Oil And Gas News

BATON ROUGE, La., Dec. 23.—(AP)—The State Conservation Department announced today in its weekly oil report the completion of eight wells with initial daily production totaling 2086 barrels, and the issuance of 27 permits for new wells.

Completions were:

Beauregard parish—Neale Field, the Gulf Refining Company, L. H. Bagby Jr., "A" 1-D, 216.40 barrels, through a 12/64 choke; W. F. Campbell 2-D, 216.40 barrels, through a 12/64 choke.

Calcasieu—Starks, W. T. Burton, [illegible] Lutcher-Moore No. 12, 194.40 barrels, through a 9/64 choke.

Jefferson Davis—West Tepetate, [illegible] Oil Company, Mamie Miller No. [illegible], 615.[illegible] barrels, through a 12/64 choke.

Lafourche—Chacahoula, Sun Oil Company, J. Lecay Pool No. 1 (gas distillate), 39.20 barrels, through a 16/64 choke.

Richland—Delhi, discovery well, Murphy-Sun, J. E. Holt No. 1, [illegible] barrels, through a 16/64 choke.

St. Martin—Lake Chicot, Amerada Petroleum Corporation, state lease 411-Lake Chicot No. 8, 27 barrels, through a 8/64 choke.

Vermilion—White Lake, Union Oil Company of California, Vermilion parish school board 11-A, 272 barrels, through a [illegible] choke.

Permits were:

Acadia—Egan, Sun Oil Company, No. 1 J. N. Clement estate.

Beauregard—Neale, Gulf Refining Company-Gulf Producing Division, No. 1-D Erma Gibson et al., No. 1-D L. H. Bagby Jr., et al. "A", No. 2-D W. F. Campbell.

Bienville—Bear Creek, Southern Natural Gas Company, No. 1 Southern Natural Gas Company fee.

Caddo—Houston (CQ) Bayou, State Oil Corporation No. 1-A J. P. Fuller.

Calcasieu—Edgerly, Sun Oil Company, No. 1 Hunter Company; Sulphur Mine, the Union Sulphur Company, Inc., No. 883 fee.

Cameron—W. Hackberry, Stanolind Oil and Gas Company, No. 1-SW Cameron parish school board.

Catahoula—Wildcat (beginning at NE corner section 12, then S 660 feet, thence W 660 feet to well location) No. 1 H. C. Eckhardt.

Claiborne—Lisbon, Lyons and Prentiss, No. 1 H. F. Patton.

Iberia—Rabbit Island, the Texas Company, No. 7 state lease No. 340 Rabbit Island.

Jefferson Davis—Hayes, Gulf Refining Company-Gulf Producing Division, No. 1-A the Lacassane Company, Inc.

Lafourche—Delta Farms, Humble Oil and Refining Company, No. 3 L. R. Price.

Plaquemines—Grand Ecaille, Freeport Sulphur Company, No. 226 [illegible].

Richland—Delhi, C. H. Murphy, Jr. and Sun Oil Company, No. 1 J. E. Holt; [illegible] Wildcat 480 feet N and [illegible] feet E of S W corner of NE 1/4 [illegible] J. H[illegible] and [illegible] No. 1 Duckworth estate.

St. Charles—[illegible], Shell Oil Company, Inc., No. 2 River and Rails [illegible].

[illegible] Bayou Reserve, the Atlantic Refining Company, No. 2 [illegible] & Moore Cypress Lumber Company "B".

St. Landry—North Cankton, Sun Oil Company, No. B-2 E. M. Boagni.

St. Mary—Bayou Sale, Humble Oil & Refining Company, No. 8 Miami Corporation; Plymouth-Jeanerette, the Atlantic Refining Company, No. [illegible] Adeline Sugar Factory Company; [illegible] Bay, the Texas Company, No. [illegible] state lease No. [illegible].

[illegible] Holly Ridge, Magnolia Petroleum Company, No. 2-D [illegible].

[illegible] South [illegible] Atlantic Producing Company, No. 2 Louisiana terre.

Vermilion—East White Lake, Union Oil Company of California, No. 1 B. C. Hebert; West Gueydan, Magnolia Petroleum Company, No. 3 Adam Cormier.

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The retina of a cat's eye has a [illegible] area two-thirds greater than a man's retina, and for this reason a cat can see farther to the side than a man can.

MARKET AT A GLANCE

NEW YORK Dec 23.—(AP)—Stocks: Mixed; price changes narrow. Bonds: Steady; some rails improve. (Cotton market closed).

CHICAGO—Wheat: Mixed, short covering, liquidation. Corn: Weak, light demand. Rye: Weak, lack of demand. Hogs: Nominally steady. Cattle: Steady.

CHICAGO GRAIN

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Grain markets were irregular today, rallying after early weakness only to ease back shortly before the close. The new crop contracts, July and September, were firmest in the wheat pit.

At the finish wheat was 3/4 lower to 1/8 higher than yesterday's close, May 1.63 1/8-1.63. Corn was off 1/8 to 5/8, May $1.10 3/4-7/8. Oats were 1/8 higher to 1/4 lower, May 65 1/4-1/8.

	Open	High	Low	Close
WHEAT				
May	1.63¾	1.63⅞	1.63	1.63⅛-.63
July	1.54½	1.55	1.54	1.54[illegible]
Sept	1.53½	1.54	1.53	1.53[illegible]
CORN				
May	.....	.....	.....	1.10[illegible]
July	.....	.....	.....	1.10[illegible]
Sep	.....	.....	.....	1.09[illegible]
OATS—				
May	.....	.....	.....	65[illegible]
July	.....	.....	.....	60[illegible]
Sep	.....	.....	.....	58[illegible]
RYE—				
May	.....	.....	.....	1.10[illegible]
July	.....	.....	.....	1.07[illegible]
Sept	.....	.....	.....	1.05[illegible]

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Potatoes

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Potatoes arrivals 55, on track 102, total U. S. shipments 752; supplies light, trading very light; Colorado, U. S. No. 1, $3.27-39; Michigan Pontiac, U. S. No. 1, $2.95; Minnesota and North Dakota Bliss Triumphs, U. S. No. 1, unwashed, $2.85, washed, $3.09.

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BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Earl Dear of Mangham announce the birth of a son, Rufus Earl, on December 21. Mrs. Dear is the former Miss Dorothy Mae Jones.

Lt. and Mrs. Richard S. Alexander of 315 Pine street announce the birth of a son, Richard Stuart Jr., on December 22 at St. Francis Sanitarium. Mrs. Alexander is the former Miss Martha Hopson.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

10—Strayed, Lost, Found

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ONE BLACK HORSE about 800 lbs. taken up. Mrs. T. E. Sharp, Route 1, Box 62, West Monroe. 12-27-A

TAKEN UP at my place—Small mule. Owner may claim by identifying, paying for upkeep and this ad. Phone 733-J. December 19, 20, 22, 1944.

REWARD—For return of lady's Bulova wrist watch lost near or at Carroll Gym Wednesday night. No questions asked. Call 4987-J. 12-22-P

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ANNOUNCEMENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

Monroe Commandery will observe its usual Christmas service at Masonic Temple Monday morning at 11 a. m. All Knights are urged to attend.

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16—Motorcycles & Bicycles 16—Motorcycles & Bicycles

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SERIOUS DANGER IS SEEN IN DEBT

Experts Say $300,000,000,000 Burden Needs Careful Handling

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Fiscal xperts took a look today at a pros- ective national debt of $300,000,000,000 nd said its management will afford ne of the greatest challenges ever to onfront the government.

At stake in finding a sound method handling it are the solvency of the overnment, stability of the national conomy and the savings and invest- ents of every American.

These experts aren't exactly worried t. But they are working on a bud- t, which President Roosevelt will bmit to Congress in about ten days, hich will hoist the debt to upwards $300,000,000,000.

In former years, they say, it didn't atter greatly if there was a bit of deficit—or even a sizable deficit— r the total debt was relatively small d there always were prospects of nning into a period of good years hich would permit trimming it to mfortable size.

But after this war, the government on't be able to take many chances. r it is going to cost about as much pay interest on the debt, to say thing of retiring it, as it used to st for total pre-war expenses of the vernment.

And, should peace plans prove in- equate, it would be a staggering b to pile costs of another war on top a $300,000,000,000 debt.

Disturbing many economists, too, is idea that another depression may t in two or three years after the war ds.

Some of them believe the immediate st-war years will be relatively pros- rous, that demands pent up during e war will be unleashed. Others say at the prospect of heavy delayed mands has been exaggerated, ex- pt in a few lines of consumer goods. But both groups' views pretty well ncide on a sharp dip toward depression levels after two or three post-war years.

Should those fears prove well founded and the national income slip back to something like $40,000,000,000 a year, the government might find itself borrowing again to meet running expenses—and borrowing to pay interest on its borrowed money.

Consequently, government financial authorities are hopeful that America can keep the annual national income at $140,000,000,000 to $150,000,000,000 after the war.

CRASH VICTIM

Lt. David R. Bell who was graduated from Selman Field with class 44-2, was killed this week in a crash of his medium bomber near the Raleigh-Durham Army Air Base. Four other fliers were killed and two injured. The plane was from Greenville, S. C. Army Air Base. The photo above was taken while Lt. Bell was an aviation cadet here.

THE EYE IS A MOTOR

NEW YORK—(AP)—The eye is not only a sense organ, but also is what psychologists call a motor, or action organ, says the Better Vision Institute. Muscles inside the eye adjust the lens and the iris; muscles outside rotate and focus the eye for binocular vision.

GETS AWARD FOR D-DAY DECISION

LONDON, Dec. 23.—(AP)— Col Donald Yates of Bangor, Me., was awarded the Legion of Merit today for his part in deciding which day should be D-day.

Lt. Gen, Carl Spaatz, commander of the United States strategic air forces in Europe, pinned the medal on Yates in a ceremony during which five other fliers were decorated.

Yates' "Good judgment, skill, sound leadership and reconciliation of differences" in forecasting the weather for June 6 won him the award.

"The value of his advice since has been proven," the citation said, "as the day selected for the continental assault probably was the only day during the month of June on which the operation could have been launched."

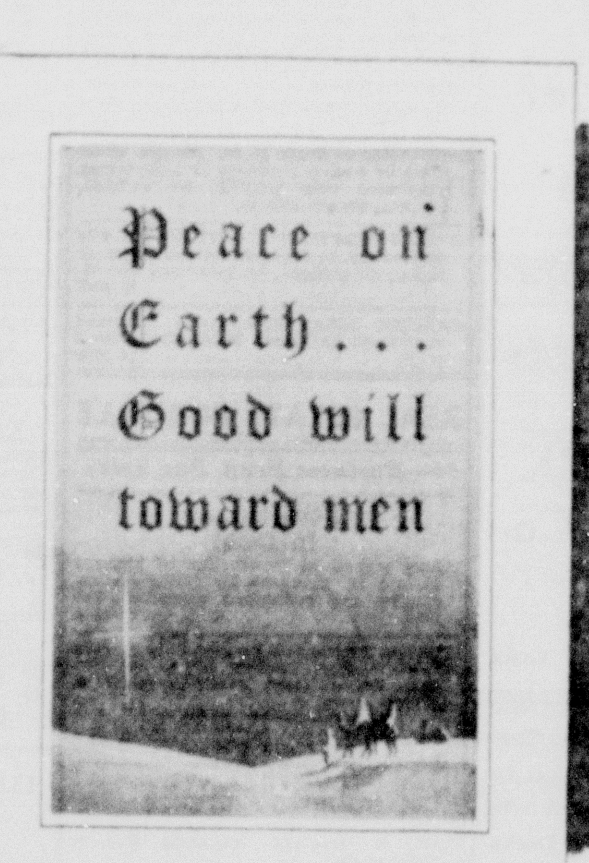
Lt. Sam Battalo, 1307 Farmer avenue, Vicksburg, Miss., was decorated with the Distinguished Service Cross for sticking to his bombsight despite severe wounds while his Flying Fortress visited three targets before finding an opening in the clouds.

"When the bombs were finally dropped, the aim was perfect," the citation said.

RIVER STAGES

Stations	Present Station	24-hour Change
MISSISSIPPI		
St. Louis	1.7	0.3 Fall
Memphis	4.0	0.1 Fall
Helena	7.0	1.1 Fall
Arkansas City	6.9	0.7 Fall
Vicksburg	6.4	0.9 Fall
Natchez	11.3	0.9 Fall
Baton Rouge	7.5	1.1 Fall
OUACHITA		
Camden	9.2	0.3 Fall
Monroe	17.1	0.1 Fall
Pittsburgh	16.8	0.1 Rise
Cincinnati	14.0	0.5 Fall
Cairo	14.1	0.3 Rise
TENNESSEE		
Chattanooga	9.7	0.3 Fall
CUMBERLAND		
Nashville	10.9	0.1 Rise
ARKANSAS		
Little Rock	4.1	0.1 Fall
RED		
Shreveport	9.2	0.2 Fall
Alexandria	9.1	0.5 Fall

THE SPIRIT OF AN *American* Christmas

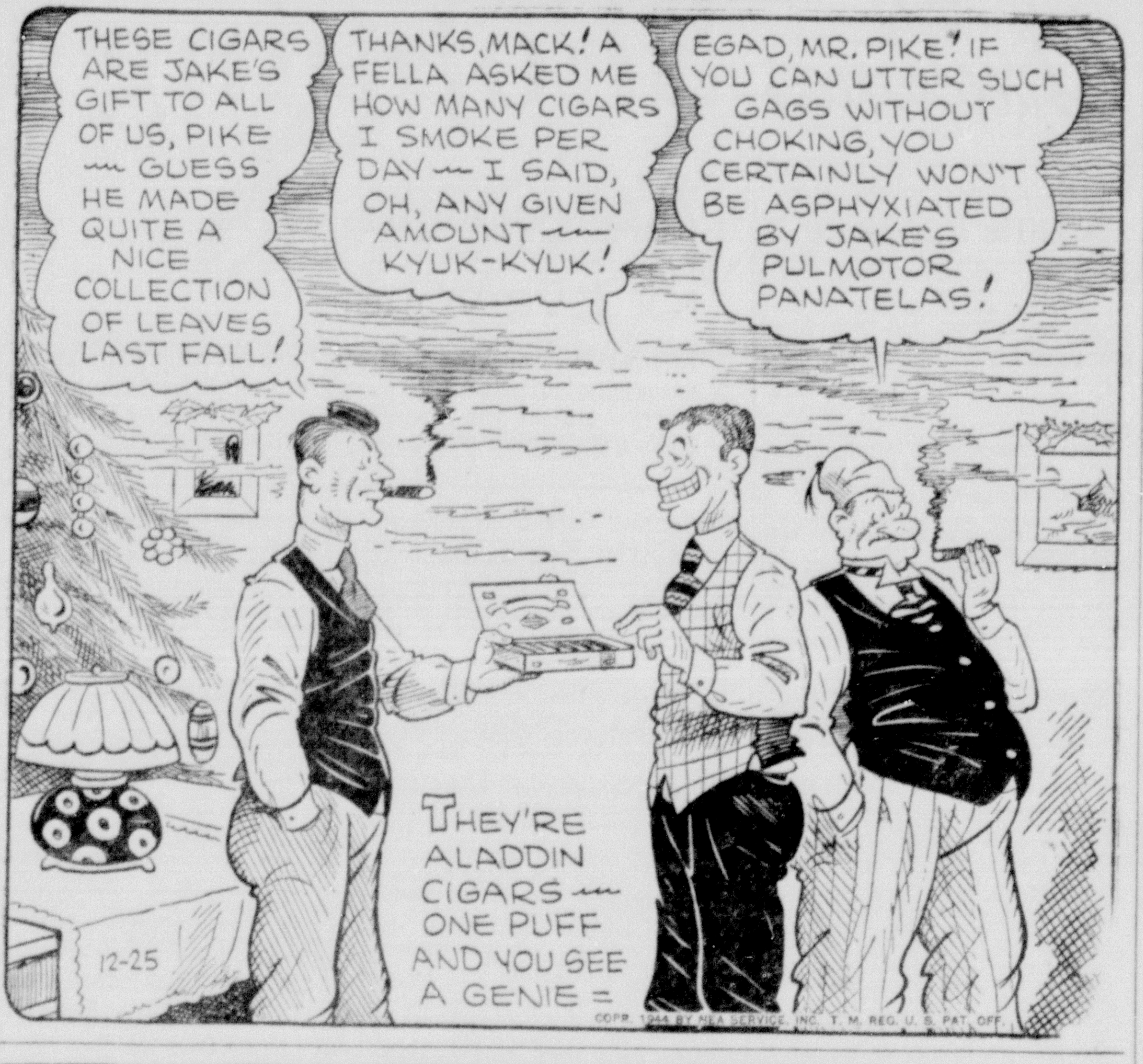


Peace on Earth... Good will toward men

* The spirit of an American Christmas will prevail throughout the land in this year of 1944. This is how it should be, for the spirit of Christmas must live if we are to enjoy the privileges of our freedom. Let us pay tribute this Christmas to our armed forces, who are valiantly fighting for freedom, and pray that before another Yuletide we will again have . . . PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN.

UNITED GAS CORPORATION

OUR BOARDING HOUSE



THESE CIGARS ARE JAKE'S GIFT TO ALL OF US, PIKE — GUESS HE MADE QUITE A NICE COLLECTION OF LEAVES LAST FALL!
THANKS, MACK! A FELLA ASKED ME HOW MANY CIGARS I SMOKE PER DAY — I SAID, OH, ANY GIVEN AMOUNT — KYUK-KYUK!
EGAD, MR. PIKE! IF YOU CAN UTTER SUCH GAGS WITHOUT CHOKING, YOU CERTAINLY WON'T BE ASPHYXIATED BY JAKE'S PULMOTOR PANATELAS!
THEY'RE ALADDIN CIGARS — ONE PUFF AND YOU SEE A GENIE =
12-25
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World's Latest Market News

NEW YORK STOCKS

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—(AP)— A few favorites continued to make a little headway in today's short stock market but many leaders found the recovery trail a bit rough.

More than the usual amount of caution was evident in Wall street. Most customers were reluctant to "get out on a limb" owing to the forthcoming holiday. All exchanges will recess Monday.

Trends were irregularly improved at the start. Dealings then tapered appreciably and, near the close, quotations were somewhat spotty. Turnover of around 500,000 shares was about half that of the preceding Saturday.

Bonds were steady and commodities mixed.

(FINAL QUOTATIONS)

Air Reduction	38¼
Allied Stores	21¾
Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing	37⅞
American Can	92
American Car & Foundry	39⅛
American & Foreign Power	2⅛
American Locomotive	27¼
American Power & Light	2⅝
American Rolling Mills	15
American Smelting & Refining	39
American Sugar Refining	55
American Tel & Tel	164⅛
American Tobacco B	64¼
American Water Works	8
Anaconda Copper	28
Atchison T & S F	82¾
Aviation Corporation	5⅝
Baltimore & Ohio	13½
Barnsdall Oil	16¼
Bendix Aviation	47½
Bethlehem Steel	64⅝
Boeing Airplane	18¾
Bucyrus Erie	13½
Budd Manufacturing	10½
Calumet & Hecla	7¼
Canadian Pacific	11⅝
Case J I	35½
Cerro De Pasco	31⅛
Chesapeake & Ohio	50
Chrysler Corporation	90¾
Columbia Gas & Electric	4⅛
Commercial Solvents	15⅜
Commonwealth & Southern	⅝
Consolidated Copper Mines	3¾
Continental Can	37
Continental Motors	8⅞
Continental Oil Delaware	31⅜
Cuban-American Sugar	16¾
Curtiss-Wright	5¾
Curtiss-Wright A	18⅛
Deere & Company	41½
Du Pont de Nemours	156¾
Electric Auto-Lite	43
Electric Boat	15
Electric Power & Light	3¼
Engineers Public Service	16
Firestone Tire & Rubber	57
General Electric	38⅛
General Foods	41
General Motors	64
Gillette Safety Razor	14⅜
Goodrich B F	53¼
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	50
Great Northern Railway pf	47⅞
Greyhound Corporaton	23¼
Gulf Oil	48⅛
Hudson Motor	14⅛
Illinois Central	22
Inspiration Continental Copper	12
International Harvester	80½
International Nickel Can	28¼
International Tel & Tel	19¾
Kansas City Southern	13½
Kennecott Copper	36½
Kroger Grocery	36⅛
Libby-Owens-Ford Glass	51⅜
Liggett & Myers Tobacco B	77¾
Lockheed Aircraft	20½
Loew's Incorporated	75
Long Bell Lumber A	14¼
Lorillard P	18⅜
Louisville & Nashville	69¾
Masonite Corporation	40½
Mathieson Alkali	23⅜
McClelland Stores	13½
Mengel Company	16⅛
Montgomery Ward	51
Nash-Kelvinator	15½
National Biscuit	23¾
National Can	13⅜
National Dairy Products	28½
National Distillers	38⅜
National Power & Light	7¼
National Supply	15⅞
Newport Industries	18½
New York Central Railroad	23
North American Company	19⅜
Northern Pacific	21⅞
Otis Elevator	23½
Packard Motor	5¼
Pan-American Airways	33⅞
Paramount Pictures	29⅛
Penney J C	109½
Pennsylvania Railroad	33⅛
Phillips Petroleum	43¾
Pressed Steel Car	17¼
Procter & Gamble	58
Pure Oil	16⅝
Radio Corporation of America	10½
Remington Rand	23⅞
Republic Steel	19⅜
Reynolds Tobacco B	31¼
Richfield Oil	10
Schenley Distillers	38
Sears Roebuck	104⅜
Shell Union Oil	25⅛
Socony Vacuum	13⅜
Southern Pacific	41¾
Southern Railway	33⅝
Sperry Corporation	27¼
Standard Brands	28⅛
Standard Oil California	37¾
Standard Oil Indiana	33½
Standard Oil New Jersey	55¾
Stone & Webster	11⅝
Studebaker Corporation	19
Texas Company	48¾
Texas Gulf Sulphur	35⅛
Tidewater A Oil	16⅞
Timken-Detroit Axle	36¼
Timken Roller Bearing	49⅛
Union Carbide	79⅞
Union Oil California	20⅛
United Air Lines	34¾
United Aircraft	30⅛
United Corporation	1⅛
United Drug	16⅞
United Gas Imperial	14
United States Rubber	51¾
United States Smelting R & M	51
United States Steel	59
Vanadium Corporation	21
Warner Brothers Pictures	13⅛
Wesson Oil & Snowdrift	23⅝
Western Union Telegraph A	44½
Westinghouse Air Brakes	30⅜
Woolworth F W	42

Oil And Gas News

BATON ROUGE, La., Dec. 23.—(AP)—The State Conservation Department announced today in its weekly oil report the completion of eight wells with initial daily production totaling 2086 barrels, and the issuance of 27 permits for new wells.

Completions were:

Beauregard parish—Neale Field, the Gulf Refining Company, L. H. Bagby Jr., "A" 1-D, 216.40 barrels, through a 12/64 choke; W. F. Campbell 2-D, 216.40 barrels, through a 12/64 choke.

Calcasieu—Starks, W. T. Burton, (gas-distillate) Lutcher-Moore No. 12, 194.40 barrels, through a 9/64 choke.

Jefferson Davis—West Tepetate, Barnsdall Oil Company, Minos Miller No. 2, 615.60 barrels, through a 12/64 choke.

Lafourche—Chacahoula, Sun Oil Company, J. Leray Pool No. 1, (gas distillate) 39.20 barrels, through a 16/64 choke.

Richland—Delhi, (discovery well) Murphy-Sun, J. E. Holt No. 1, 505 barrels, through a 16/64 choke.

St. Martin—Lake Chicot, Amerada Petroleum Corporation, state lease 411-Lake Chicot No. 8, 27 barrels, through a 8/64 choke.

Vermilion—White Lake, Union Oil Company of California, Vermilion parish school board 11-A, 272 barrels, through a 10/64 choke.

Permits were:

Acadia—Egan, Sun Oil Company, No. 1 J. N. Clement estate.

Beauregard—Neale, Gulf Refining Company-Gulf Producing Division No. 1-D Edna Gibson et al.; No. 1-D L. H. Bagby, Jr., et al. "A"; No. 2-D W. F. Campbell.

Bienville—Bear Creek, Southern Natural Gas Company, No. 1 Southern Natural Gas Company fee.

Caddo-Hosston (CQ) Bayou State Oil Corporation No. 1-A J. P. Fuller.

Calcasieu—Edgerly, Sun Oil Company, No. 1 Hunter Company; Sulphur Mine, the Union Sulphur Company, Inc., No. 880 fee.

Cameron—W. Hackberry, Stanolind Oil and Gas Company, No. 1-SW Cameron parish school board.

Catahoula—Wildcat (beginning at NE corner section 12—then S 660 feet, thence W 660 feet to well location) No. 1 H. C. Edkhardt.

Claiborne—Lisbon, Lyons and Prentiss, No. 1 H. E. Patton.

Iberia—Rabbit Island, the Texas Company No. 7 state lease No. 340—Rabbit Island.

Jefferson Davis—Hayes, Gulf Refining Company-Gulf Producing Division No. 1-A the Lacassane Company, Inc.

Lafourche—Delta Farms, Humble Oil and Refining Company No. 3 I. R. Price.

Plaquemines—Grand Ecaille, Freeport Sulphur Company, No. 226 Cockrell-Moran.

Richland—Delhi, C. H. Murphy, Jr., and Sun Oil Company, No. 1 J. E. Holt "B"; Wildcat (430 feet N. and 330 feet E. of S. W. corner of NE 1/4 of section 18); Milton J. Houston and Roger Lacy, No. 1 Duckworth estate.

St. Charles—Goodhope, Shell Oil Company, Inc., No. 2 River and Rails Terminals, Inc.

St. John the Baptist—Reserve, the Atlantic Refining Company, No. 2 Lutcher & Moore Cypress Lumber Company, "B."

St. Landry—North Cankton, Sun Oil Company, No. B-2 E. M. Boagni.

St. Mary—Bayou Sale, Humble Oil & Refining Company, No. 8 Miami Corporation "E"; north Jeanerette, the Atlantic Refining Company No. 5 Adeline Sugar Factory Company; W. Cote Blanche Bay, the Texas Company, No. 23 state lease No. 340-W. Cote Blanche bay.

Tensas—Holly Ridge, Magnolia Petroleum Company, No. 2-D. C. R. D. Shelley "B."

Terrebonne—South Houma, Pan American Producing Company, No. 2 Louisiana terre.

Vermilion—East White Lake, Union Oil Company of California, No. 1 B. C. Hebert; West Gueydan, Magnolia Petroleum Company, No. 3 Adam Cormier.

The cornea of a cat's eye has a curved area two-thirds greater than a man's cornea, and for this reason a cat can see farther to the side than a man can.

MARKET AT A GLANCE

NEW YORK Dec.23.—(AP)—Stocks: Mixed; price changes narrow. Bonds: Steady; some rails improve. (Cotton market closed).

CHICAGO—Wheat: Mixed, short covering, liquidation. Corn: Weak, light demand. Rye: Weak, lack of demand. Hogs: Nominally steady. Cattle: Steady.

CHICAGO GRAIN

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Grain markets were irregular today, rallying after early weakness only to ease back shortly before the close. The new crop contracts, July and September, were firmest in the wheat pit.

At the finish wheat was 3/4 lower to 1/8 higher than yesterday's close. May 1.63 1/8-1.63. Corn was off 1/8 to 5/8, May $1.10 3/4-7/8. Oats were 1/8 higher to 1/4 lower, May 65 1/4-1/8.

	Open	High	Low	Close
WHEAT—				
May	1.63¾	1.63¾	1.63	1.63⅛-63
July	1.54½	1.55	1.54	1.54⅜-½
Sept.	1.53½	1.54	1.53	1.53⅜
CORN—				
May	.....	.....	.....	1.10¾-⅞
July	.....	.....	.....	1.10¼
Sept.	.....	.....	.....	1.09⅛
OATS—				
May	.....	.....	.....	.65¼-⅛
July	.....	.....	.....	.60½
Sept.	.....	.....	.....	.58¾
RYE—				
May	.....	.....	.....	1.10½-⅜
July	.....	.....	.....	1.07⅞-08
Sept.	.....	.....	.....	1.05¾-⅞

Potatoes

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Potatoes, arrivals 55, on track 102, total U. S. shipments 732; supplies light, trading very light; Colorado, U. S. No. 1, $3.27-39; Michigan Pontiac, U. S. No. 1, $2.95; Minnesota and North Dakota Bliss Triumphs, U. S. No. 1, unwashed, $2.85, washed, $3.09.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Earl Dear of Mangham announce the birth of a son, Rufus Earl, on December 21. Mrs. Dear is the former Miss Dorothy Mae Jones.

Lt. and Mrs. Richard S. Alexander of 315 Pine street announce the birth of a son, Richard Stuart Jr., on December 23 at St. Francis Sanitarium. Mrs. Alexander is the former Miss Martha Hopson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week At
Gus Kallio's Arena:
Thursday Night
WRESTLING
MAIN EVENT
Jack (Stinger) Steele
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Two Professional Wrestlers
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2—Cards of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the acts of kindness, messages of sympathy, and beautiful floral offerings received during our recent bereavement in the loss of our beloved wife, mother and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Carry Deal.

We especially thank Drs. Ham and Tisdale Revs. Mason, Holloway, Yeager and Johnson and the Hall Funeral Home.

MR. HENRY DEAL,
AND FAMILY.
MR. AND MRS. J. T. DEAL
AND FAMILY.
12-24-A

7—Personals

GET ACQUAINTED CLUB—Thru social correspondence thousands yearly meet their "ideal." Write today for list of eligibles. Many La. members. Simpson Box 1251, Denver, Colo.

LEAVE YOUR BABIES with me while shopping or playing. Rates given for afternoon and evening. Phone 2730. 1-10-P

ANNOUNCEMENTS

10—Strayed, Lost, Found

LOST—Lady's 17 jewel Bulova watch with gold V-shaped link bracelet. Serial number E-018859. Finder please contact Miss Reta Clement, 2434. Reward. 12-25-P

ONE BLACK HORSE about 800 lbs. taken up. Mrs. T. E. Sharp, Route 1, Box 62, West Monroe. 12-27-A

TAKEN UP at my place—Small mule. Owner may claim by identifying, paying for upkeep and this ad. Phone 733-J. December 19, 20, 22, 1944.

REWARD—For return of lady's Bulova wrist watch lost near or at Carroll Gym Wednesday night. No questions asked. Call 4987-J. 12-22-P

AUTOMOTIVE

11—Automobile Agencies

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Used Cars
Pay More Than Anybody
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12—Automobiles For Sale

1933 PONTIAC coupe. Five A-1 tires. Top mechanical condition. Clean. 712-A Pecan St. after 5 p. m. 12-24-A

1941 FORD business coupe $950. 1/3 down or trade.
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CADILLAC four-door trunk sedan. Extra clean. Like new inside. New tires. 29,000 miles. Guaranteed car. Price $1,950. 1/3 down or trade.
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TEN USED TRUCKS—Includes pick-ups, long and short wheel base, trucks and dump trucks. '40, '41 and '42 models. For sale at once at ceiling price. Call 56, Oak Grove, La. 12-26-P

16—Motorcycles & Bicycles

BOY'S PRE-WAR 28" BICYCLE. Practically new. Excellent tires and tubes. Call Clyde Mitchell, sheriff's office. 12-24-A

MAN'S pre-war bicycle in good condition. $40. Phone 3489-J. 12-25-P

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12-29-P

ANNOUNCEMENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

Monroe Commandery will observe its usual Christmas service at Masonic Temple Monday morning at 11 a. m. All Knights are urged to attend.

AUTOMOTIVE AUTOMOTIVE

16—Motorcycles & Bicycles 16—Motorcycles & Bicycles

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1942 Model Harley-Davidsons $395.00
Cleanest and best mechanical conditioned machines in N. La. Rider is protected by guarantee and service by an authorized Harley-Davidson dealer.
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1-5-P

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19—Business Services Offered

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12-28-P

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19-D Funeral Directors

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29—Professional Services

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EMPLOYMENT

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WANTED NURSES AIDS. Position open for high school graduates. Salary, plus room and board. CROSSETT HOSPITAL. Dr. D. V. Smith, Medical Director, Crossett, Arkansas. 12-30-A

WANTED: Woman, girl or boy to stay with old couple in country. Very little actual work involved. Box 538 c/o News-Star. 12-27-A

HELP WANTED to take care of house and school child. Mother works. 608 Hudson Lane. 12-25-P

WANTED: Experienced waitresses. Steady job, good pay. Apply Green Mill. 12-23-A

WANTED
BOOKKEEPER
For Local Firm
Prefer Permanent Resident
Apply In Person
OUACHITA LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING CORP.
716 Harrison St. 12-27-A

WANTED
Permanent Female Help
Essential war work. Good pay. Pleasant working conditions. Good hours.
Apply Main Office
SELMAN FIELD EXCHANGE
from 9:00 to 12:00 A. M.
12-18-P

WANTED—Girl for part time general housework. $6 weekly. References required. Phone 1592. 12-21-A

WANTED—Young lady, permanent resident, to learn to write advertising. Phone 3952 for appointment for interview. 12-28-A

EMPLOYMENT

34—Help Wanted, Male

Laborers Wanted

URGENTLY NEEDED NOW

To Help Build Naval Ordnance Plant

GOOD PAY

Free Transportation to the Job

Time and half for overtime. Food and lodging available on the job for workers at $1.20 per day. Excellent working conditions. Help build this plant so vitally needed by our fighting forces.

Contractor's Representative Will Hire On the Spot and Furnish Free Transportation at

U. S. Employment Service Office

Monroe, Louisiana

December 18 Through December 30

If you are now engaged in an essential activity at your highest skill, do not apply.

Men under 21 must have wage release form signed by parents which can be obtained at Employment office.

Christmas Shopping Guide

Appropriate Gifts for Everyone . . .

In these columns the best gifts are inviting your patronage with helpful gift suggestions. Save time and worry—and at the same time give friends and relatives gifts which will be thoroughly appreciated.

Christmas Gift Suggestions
Gifts For Her

GIFTS FOR HER—Genuine Red Cedar Chests inside and out. Large size and a real beauty. Special at 49.50 at Delta Furniture Company, 133 North Grand street.

A DRESSER SET will thrill any lady. Three piece sets $2.98 up. Lucite sets from 4 to 14 pieces priced from $5.98 to $19.75. Community Furniture Co., 524 DeSiard.

GIVE HER THE BEST. Buy today—nearest thing to natural curly hair. Joan Clair cold wave. Ceil et Albert House of Beauty, Louisville avenue at Sixth street.

A LOVELY ROBE of Chenille, cotton or rayon, chenille on gingham. Junior miss sizes 7 to 14. Ladies' sizes 12 to 46. $3.98 up. Sears, Roebuck and Co.

WE HAVE A WONDERFUL selection of boudoir and floor lamps. This will please the wife. Lanham Electric Co., 110 Jackson street.

TULIP BULBS, gladiolas, ranunculuses, King Alfreds, and many others. These are ideal for beauty around the home and garden. Carey Holmes Nursery, 904 Cypress, West Monroe.

Christmas Gift Suggestions
Gifts For Him

ADAM HAT GIFT CERTIFICATES. Good any where that ADAMS HATS are sold. Priced $5, $6, $7.50 and $10.00. KRAUSS & CAHN. 333 DeSiard.

LOUNGE COATS sizes 34 to 44 fancy plaids and solid colors. Windbreakers $3.98 to $19.95. KRAUSS & CAHN. 333 DeSiard.

ALL MEN LIKE CAMELLIAS. We have them, full buds, and blooms potted. Ideal gifts. Carey Holmes Nursery, 904 Cypress, West Monroe.

NECK TIES 52c to $1.50. Belts 65c to $2.50. Silk pajamas $5.95. Use our easy lay-a-way plan. KRAUSS & CAHN, 333 DeSiard.

GIVE HIM his favorite bottle of whiskey, brandy, rum or wine. The Package Liquor Store. 109 North Grand.

GIVE A FINE ROBE. Robes of all descriptions, all wool and [illegible]. Moore's Tailoring and Men's Wear.

WOOL PLAID SHIRTS $5.95 to $9.95. Solid and plaid gabardine and rayon sport shirts $2.98 to $4.95. KRAUSS & CAHN. 333 DeSiard.

Christmas Gift Suggestions
Gifts For Him

PURCHASE A GIFT certificate and let him select it himself. Golden Shuttle ties by McCurrach at Moore's Tailoring and Men's Wear.

GIVE HIM SPORTSWEAR. Leather coats, loafer coats, sweaters, sport shirts and slacks. Sears, Roebuck and Co.

ROBES AND PAJAMAS. Sport coats, leisure coats. Dopp kits, plain and fitted. The Toggery.

GIVE HIM SPORTSWEAR. Loafer coats, sweaters, sport shirts, slacks, and lounge jackets. Moore's Tailoring and Men's Wear.

THE IDEAL GIFT for your husband or brother is the new style modern bed lamp. Make a selection now. Lanham Electric Co., 110 Jackson street.

LEATHER JACKETS, Zelan jackets. Gift certificates for hat, gabardine top coats or sweaters at The Toggery.

HICKOK BELTS, belt sets and jewelry. Man or boy will be pleased with a Hickok gift from Joe F. Smith & Co., West Monroe.

JARMAN SHOE GIFT CERTIFICATES—Let him pick his own size and style. Can't be beat as a useful and appreciative gift. Joe F. Smith & Co., West Monroe.

STETSON HATS—They are tops in choice gifts for the particular man. Give a certificate and let him select his own hat. Joe F. Smith & Co., West Monroe.

LONG SLEEVE and pull over sweaters, two tones and solids. $1.98 to $5.95. KRAUSS & CAHN. 333 DeSiard.

Christmas Gift Suggestions
Gifts For Children

VISIT TOYLAND. Bring the kiddies and see the grand selections of toys for the children J. C. Penny Co. is featuring.

GIFTS FOR CHILDREN—Strong, sturdy natural finish child's rockers. Just like a grownup's. A $3.00 value for $2.49. Delta Furniture Company, 133 North Grand street.

BREAKFAST ROOM tables and chairs, leatherette upholstered rockers, dolls, archery sets and wagons. Community Furniture Co. 524 DeSiard.

WE HAVE A COMPLETE STOCK of toys and games. Goodyear Service, 306 Walnut street.

VISIT TOYLAND! Bring the kiddies and see the grand selection of toys for the children. Sears, Roebuck and Co.

Christmas Gift Suggestions
Gifts For The Family

GIFTS for the family and home. Toys for the children. Massey's Service Center, 801 Jackson. Phone 892.

ARCHERY EQUIPMENT complete selection. For any age. Home Appliance Co., Grand and DeSiard.

BEAUTIFUL selection of Camark pottery. Swans, vases, salads, pitchers, bowls, ash trays, camellia bowls. May & Guthrie Hardware. 118 S. Grand.

Christmas Gift Suggestions
Gifts For The Family

GIFTS FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY. Diamonds, watches, costume jewelry, lockets, and billfolds. Lee's Jewelry, West Monroe.

MAKE your home more attractive with a coffee table, knee hole desk or bed side table. Dixie Bedding and Furniture Co., 811 Washington.

PLATFORM ROCKERS, coffee tables, occasional tables, blankets, table lamps, smoking stands. Community Furniture Co. 524 DeSiard.

THE WHOLE FAMILY will enjoy beautiful azalias. We have thousands to select from. These are an ideal permanent gift. Carey Holmes Nursery, 904 Cypress street, West Monroe.

Christmas Gift Suggestions
Gifts For The Home

GOOD SELECTION of wall paper, both plain and felt backed paper. No canvas needed. Fix up that room for Christmas. Home Appliance Co., Grand and DeSiard.

GENUINE PLATE GLASS MIRRORS, both framed and unframed. See them in our show window. Pearce Paint and Paper.

MAKE YOUR SELECTION from our large stock of light fixtures, perculators and knickknacks from our gift department for Christmas. Lanham Electric Co., 110 Jackson street.

GIFTS FOR THE HOME—Lovely walnut finish coffee tables with glass tops. Attractive period design. Special at 5.95 at Delta Furniture Company, 133 North Grand street.

COMPLETE STOCK CAMARK POTTERY. Make your selection now from over a thousand pieces. Snapp Brothers Gift Shop, 310 Walnut street.

POT PLANTS, potted cactus and other ideal plants for the home. Make your selection now. Carey Holmes Nursery, 904 Cypress, West Monroe.

MAKE your home more pleasant with extra lamps—bed lamps, boudoir lamps, floor lamps from Dixie Bedding and Furniture Co., 811 Washington.

EMPLOYMENT

33—Help Wanted, Female

Waitresses
WANTED

Good hours.
Good pay.

Apply Mr. De Seamus

Walgreen's
12-23-A

34—Help Wanted, Male

WANT PLEASANT OUTDOOR WORK in a business of your own? Good profits selling over 200 [illegible]. [illegible] home farm necessities. [illegible] better than most occupations. Hundreds in business 5 to 20 years or more. Products, equipment on credit. No experience needed to start; we teach you how. Write today for full particulars. Rawleigh's, Dept. LAL-152-145, Memphis, Tenn. 12-24-A

THE ANDREW JERGENS COMPANY wants experienced grocery, drug, variety or wagon jobber man interested in service display selling. Guaranteed special drawing account against commissions. Bonus. Permanent. Must have car. Give age, phone number. Reply to W. O. B[illegible], 2412 Calhoun St., New Orleans 15, La.

WANTED AT ONCE
Bookkeeper for [illegible] [illegible] work. War job. Top wages, 50 hrs per week. House, good living conditions, schools and churches.
LA DELTA HARDWOOD LUMBER CO.
Trout, La. 12-28-A

WANTED—Two automobile mechanics. Very attractive proposition. Must have own hand tools. Apply in person to Service Manager, West Pontiac Co., 2[illegible] Louisville Ave. 12-26-P

35—Help Wtd., Male, Female

LATEX salesmen, send $1.95 for salesmen's Latex sample kit. Brings $5.25. Save on Latex. Get wholesale prices. OPTICAN BROS. 250-10 W. 9th, Kansas City, Mo.

WANTED

A-1 Cleaner and Spotter. Must be good on silks. Must be sober.

Good job after war as well as for present.

Give some information about yourself and state wages required in first letter.

Woods Dry Cleaners
Rayville, La.
12-25-P

AGENTS WANTED—In Monroe, West Monroe and every community within 25 miles. Easy, pleasant, part time or full time, no experience necessary; men or women make good money. Hall Funeral Service Insurance Co., Inc. 12-16-A

WANTED—Waitress. Also colored porter and 2 dishwashers for night shift. Apply in person Toddle House, 212 Louisville. Phone 4407. 12-28-P

FINANCIAL

39—Business Opportunities

LOANS

If you need cash, borrow all you need from us. We lend money on any kind of collateral that you own. Borrow on your car, whether it is paid for or not, or on any other kind of collateral.

MOTORS SECURITIES CO., INC.
500 Walnut St. Monroe, La.
Park Beside Our Building

FINANCIAL

41—Money To Loan

LOANS
$10————$1,000

Why not use the Three Way Finance Company's simplified loan plan obtaining a loan for whatever you might need using anything that you have as collateral in proportion to your loan.

3-WAY FINANCE CO.
H. K. TOUCHSTONE, Owner
10 Ammon Bldg. Phone 3400
1-8-P

LOANS
Borrow the extra cash you need without red tape.
Loans of All Types
Auto, Furniture, Signature
Liberal Credit—Flexible Terms
QUICK, CONFIDENTIAL SERVICE
Friendly Finance Service
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J. C. Loftin, Mgr.
Lena Belle Braswell, Cashier
1-7-P

LOANS
- ● Automobile
- ● Furniture
- ● Signature

The Commercial Securities Co.
Ground Floor Bernhardt Bldg.
109 North Second Phone 920
12-25-P

4% INTEREST
Monthly Payment $9.00 Per Thousand
WHY PAY MORE?
Borrow from Us on Real Estate
PEOPLE'S HOMESTEAD AND SAVINGS ASSOCIATION
12-31-A

Cash

For Today . . . Tomorrow
or whenever you want it.

If you need cash, borrow all you need from us—We lend money on any kind of collateral that you own

Borrow On Your Car
whether it is paid for or not or any other kind of collateral.

For more than 16 years we have been lending cash money in Monroe and its trade area.

We are striving to be Monroe's leading "money store."

Make Only One Trip
Get the cash while you are here. It is easy to borrow money from us.

Motors Securities Co., Inc.
500 Walnut Street
Monroe, La.
Park Beside Our Building
12-31-A

FINANCIAL

41—Money To Loan

QUICK loan service for folks in a hurry . . .

IF a loan is to your advantage, see us. A loan from Personal provides cash promptly with a minimum of delay. Apply by phone, then make one visit to sign and get the cash. Co-signers seldom required.

Personal FINANCE CO.
Mrs. C. D. Cook, Mgr.
Phone 1288
213 Bernhardt Bldg.

LIVESTOCK

48—Dogs, Cats, Pets, Etc

BEAUTIFUL Pomeranian puppy. Ideal Christmas gift. 6395. 12-26-A

SCOTTIE PUPS for Christmas. Pedigreed stock, show specimens. $35. Not easy unless you want quality. Phone 6165-W. 12-25-P

FOR SALE: Beagles, beautiful small type pups ready to train. Call or write C. O. Rolfe, Oak Ridge, La. 12-28-A

49—Horses, Cattle Other Stk

JUST RECEIVED 25 head of mules, from 2 to 8 years old. Also some horses and mares. Before you buy see D. M. Boyd. Coleman avenue, West Monroe. 12-25-P

FOR SALE: Jersey milch cow. Call 294 or 4527.

50—Poultry & Supplies

PULLORUM TESTED CHICKS C. O. D. Reds, Rocks, Wyandottes, Anconas, Minorcas, Leghorns, Giants, Rock Reds or Red Rock Crosses $12.95 per 100. Mixed heavies as hatched $10.95 per 100. Leghorn broilers make 2 lb. fryers in 7 weeks $4.95 per 100. Crestwood Hatchery, P. O. Box 171, Somerdale, N. J. 12-24-A

FRYERS FOR SALE. Phone 1217. 12-27-A

FRYERS AND BROILERS. Anders Harvey, Hwy. 80, West Monroe. 12-29-A

FOR SALE: Nice fat chickens. 3101 Gordon Ave. Phone 1463. 12-25-P

MERCHANDISE

52—Articles For Sale

SACRIFICE $950 diamond, 2 carat, perfect blue-white gem for $600. Will leave at any bank. Box 695 c/o News-Star. 12-24-A

ODD PIECES OF RECONDITIONED FURNITURE
1 Kitchen cabinet
2 Breakfast suites
1 China closet
1 Buffet
1 Daybed
Steel cots
Odd chairs and rockers
Sofa bed
Odd tables
1 Wardrobe trunk
1 Steamer trunk
8 Army lockers
New suitcases
New electric hot plates
Electric heaters
Iron cords
Extension cords
New fluorescent desk lights
COMMUNITY FURNITURE CO
524 DeSiard Phone 6144
12-27-P

TARPAULINS FOR SALE
THE LIEBER CO.
100 11th St. Phone 245 12-28-P

VIRGINIA PHARMACY, INC.
FRANCHISE DEALER
ZENITH HEARING AID
Free Demonstration
No Obligation
PHONE 106

U. S. Army Issue Surplus Used Merchandise At Great Bargain Prices

34,000 pairs shoes, no ration stamp needed, $2.15.
26,000 raincoats, $2.15.
2,900 soft feather pillows, 90c.
Meskits, 49c.
Canteens, 49c.
Cups, 25c.
Fatigue hats, 25c.
Also 10,000 NEW U. S. Army extra heavy 4 lbs., 6 oz., olive drab, single, cotton blankets, size 6 x 7 feet, red hot bargains, $3.15, real Christmas presents.
All postage prepaid. No c. o. d.'s.
Send money order.

Blank's Exchange
Wichita Falls, Texas

MERCHANDISE

52—Articles For Sale

GOOD YARD DIRT FOR SALE
Both Fill-in and Flower Dirt
$5 per load. Phone 6234 1-4-P

HOT WATER TANKS
Quick Plumbing Service
KELLY PLUMBING CO
602 Louisville Ave. Phone 4415
12-31-P

12 Ga. Double barrel. 10 boxes shells. 20 Ga. Remington automatic. 2 barrels. 9 boxes shells. 8 horse Lockwood Ace outboard motor, perfect condition. Phone 3568.

NEW SHIPMENT enamel, tea kettles, dish pans, sauce pans, dripolators, percolators, boilers, tin pie plates, muffin pans, pottery. Many other useful household articles. May & Guthrie Hardware, 118 S. Grand. Phone 95.

Beer Retailers

We Deliver

Commander Premium Pilsner Beer

In Truckload Lots

M. E. CLARK Distributing Co.
Phone 2431
Mer Rouge, La.
1-11-A

Get your Build-a-set today. They are easy to build. Lots of fun for the whole family. Aeroplane sets, trains, farms, and Donald Ducks. You will find them at Wallace Radio Service, 411 Catalpa. Phone 4141.
12-22-P

WE HAVE IN STOCK one Burks shallow well pump complete with tank. Have several Jacuzzi deep well pumps with 42 gallon tank in both single or double pipe injectors. Home Appliance Co. Grand at DeSiard. Phone 4260.

VERY LARGE PLAY CAR, skates, also dressers, cook stoves. 810 Cypress, West Monroe. 12-23-A

BABY BASSINET, ivory and blue, with collapsible legs. Lined and padded. Mattress included. Phone 3028-J. 12-26-A

MAN'S new all wool Hart Schaffner and Marx overcoat. Worn three times. Call 5541-R. 12-22-P

STEEL DRUMS FOR GARBAGE CANS
THE LIEBER CO.
100 11th St. Phone 245
1-8-P

SPECIAL Rheem Arrowhead fully automatic water heaters with double galvanized tank and spun glass insulation. Home Appliance. Grand at DeSiard. Phone 4260.

SHOES AND CLOTHING
MEN'S RUBBERS $1.56
Federal Hardware Co.
107 DESIARD
12-26-P

We Have 35 M M Films
Rembrandt
12-26-P

57—Farm & Dairy Products

GOOD BERMUDA and Lespedeza mixed, also choice pure Bermuda hay. Will trade some hay for good corn. Write or call J. T. Austin, Loop Road, Monroe, La. Phone 5266. 12-26-P

60—Good Things To Eat

DELICIOUS HOMEMADE FRUIT CAKE $1.00 per lb. 206 Pine, West Monroe. 12-22-P

MERCHANDISE

62—Household Goods

ELECTRIC REFRIGERATOR, extra good kitchen gas range, complete bedroom suite, breakfast set, 32 automatic with box shells and Hamilton 21-jewel railroad watch. Phone 1610 or 1877. 12-24-A

TRUNK, twin bedroom suite, breakfast room suite, Singer sewing machine, white porcelain table-top apartment stove, mattresses and springs. 1020 Riverside. 12-24-A

MILLS FURNITURE CO.
We buy and sell new and used furniture
323 Trenton, West Monroe—Phone 420
12-31-A

65—Musical Merchandise

KING CORNET, B flat, and case. Nice gift for Christmas. Can be seen at 300 South 2nd, West Monroe.

70—Wanted To Buy

WE BUY ANYTHING OF VALUE
Furniture, heaters, stoves, tools, motors, used lumber, sheet iron, iron, etc.
NICK'S TRADING POST
711 Washington St. Phone 5838
1-7-P

WANTED TO PURCHASE
Pecans—Pecans—Pecans
ANY QUANTITY—ANY KIND
THE LIEBER CO.
100 South 11th Phone 245
12-31-A

EXCHANGE HARDWARE AND FURNITURE CO.
We Buy All Kinds of Used Furniture
105 North Sixth St. Phone 384
1-4-P

WE PAY MORE FOR USED FURNITURE
HOLLIS FURNITURE Co PHONE 1665
12-31-A

IF YOU don't believe that we pay the highest prices for any article of value, call us and find out. Brennan Utilities. 517 Ouachita Ave. Phone 9204. 12-28-P

Wanted to Purchase
PECANS PECANS
Any quantity any kind
BAYLES BROS. FUR CO.
507 Trenton W. Monroe Phone 5550
12-22-P

WANTED TO PURCHASE
PECANS—PECANS
ANY QUANTITY ANY KIND
WEINBERG'S
1202 DeSiard Phone 5888
1-11-P

REAL ESTATE FOR RENT

72—Business Places

SUITE OF OFFICES for rent. Conveniently located uptown. Three Way Finance Co. Phone 3400. H. K. Touchstone, owner. 12-24-A

FOR RENT: Building for business or storage. 215 [illegible]. Phone [illegible]. 12-17-A

FOR RENT—5 acres of land with warehouse [illegible]. Both railroad switch tracks. Suitable for shipping house or wholesale business. The Lieber Co. Phone 245. 12-22-P

75-A—Garage For Rent

FOR RENT: Garage with [illegible] for car or storage. Phone 649. 12-17-A

78—Rooms Without Board

NICE LARGE BEDROOM. Next to bath. 810 Cypress St., West Monroe. 12-23-P

83—Wanted To Rent

PERMANENT [illegible] family urgently need 2 to 3 room unfurnished house or apartment. Write Box 556, c/o News-Star. 12-24-P

TWO PERMANENT ADULTS, mother and daughter, need furnished or unfurnished apartment close in. Call [illegible] after 6:30 p. m. Mrs. Broomfield. 12-26-A

WANT TO LEASE or rent a one mule farm. Q. W. Bowden, West Monroe, La., Gen. Del. [illegible]

PERMANENT Nurse at St. Francis would like 3 or 4 room furnished or unfurnished apartment near hospital. No children, no pets. Phone 2148-M.

OVERSEAS RETURNEE OFFICER and wife desperately need furnished apartment or house. No children, no pets. Call 6616-W. 12-23-P

OFFICER AND WIFE desire furnished apartment or house. Phone 539 after 5 p. m. 12-26-P

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

84—Business Prop For Sale

FOR SALE
In Delhi
Filling station at intersection of highway 80 and 16. Excellent for filling station, grocery and restaurant combined. Call 1094. 12-23-A

EXCELLENT business location—119 Pine St. Large 2 story, 12 room house. Lot 100x200. Switch track available on Olive. Priced to sell.
MRS. R. E. DAVIS
Phone 1094 12-26-P

LOUISVILLE AVE. BUSINESS PROPERTY
1,000 ft. frontage, adjoining Superior Lumber Co.
Should increase in value rapidly.
H. L. ROSENHEIN, Realtor
815 Ouachita National Bank Bldg.
Phone 1307 12-28-A

ATTENTION INVESTORS
Fine commercial property in Monroe business district. Fully rented at all times, annual rental $5,700.00. For information, call in person at my office.
H. L. ROSENHEIN, Realtor
815 Ouachita National Bank Bldg.
Phone 1307
12-28-P

85—Farms & Land For Sale

SIX ROOM HOUSE, 3-room house, 40 acres land, and dairy barn. Has lights and good well water. About 24 acres open land. Located about 2 miles out on Prairie Road off Winnsboro Road. For quick sale $5,000. Immediate possession.
E. W. CRUSE
Phone 5490 12-22-P

FOR SALE: 60 acres on Winnsboro Road, eight miles out. One 4-room house, one and two room houses. Large barn. All under fence.
MRS. R. E. DAVIS
Phone 1094 12-27-P

40 ACRES LAND. 2 houses, one 3-room, one 2-room; cattle and other outbuildings. Two water wells. 20 acres open, [illegible] all under hog wire fence. Balance in woods. The Hamilton place, 6 miles on Red Cut gravel road off Columbia and Brown Paper Mill Road. For quick sale $1,600. E. W. Cruse. Phone 5490. 12-18-P

49 ACRES LAND and 3-room house off Farmerville road adjoining Harvey Henry's place. Young orchard. 15 acres in cultivation, balance in timber. $900. E. W. Cruse. Phone 5490. 12-22-P

70 ACRES good land in the woods above Swartz adjoining Ouachita and Morehouse parish line. Some timber on it. Running water year round. Partly fenced. Will sell for $1,075. E. W. Cruse, phone 5490 or write 302 Ouachita Bank Bldg. 12-18-P

REAL ESTATE FOR SA

86—Houses For Sale

1423 Forsythe Ave.

Lovely recently constructed two bedro[illegible] home. Completely furnished with pre-w[illegible] furniture.

Garage and store room.

Lot 75x145, beautifully landscaped w[illegible] lawn, flowers, shrubbery and trees.

Shown by appointment only

H. L. ROSENHEIN, Realto
815 Ouachita Bank Bldg. Phone 1
12-28

FIVE-ROOM COTTAGE in excellent rep[illegible]. Recently redecorated. 813 Crosley aven[illegible], West Monroe. 2 lots 100x150. Price $3,5[illegible]. Immediate possession.
LUTHER REED & CO.
Phone 3050 12-2

THREE-ROOM HOUSE for sale. Lot 50x1[illegible]. Located near Paper Mill. $1,325. C[illegible] 2159.

FOUR-ROOM HOUSE AND BATH. 40x57. Located just off South Seco[illegible] Street on Apple Street. Price $2,500.
E. W. CRUSE
Phone 5490 12-2

FOR SALE
812 Oak St.—Six-room house, $2,750.
814 Oak St.—Six-room house, $2,950.
Conveniently located.
Easily financed.
MRS. R. E. DAVIS
Phone 1094 12-2

SIX ROOM HOUSE, bath, porch. Arran[illegible] to rent three 2-room apartments. Fu[illegible] ture for 2 apartments. All for $5,050. North 3rd street, West Monroe. E. W. Cruse. Phone 5490. 12-2

203 JACK McENERY—Five-room furnis[illegible] house. Possession within 15 days.
MRS. R. E. DAVIS
Phone 1094 12-2

FOR SALE
MODERN COUNTRY HOM
17 ACRES
FRONTING 1,260 FT. ON
NATCHITOCHES ROAD
NEW HOUSE—
7 ROOMS AND BATH
Electricity, electric automatic pump, kit[illegible] en sink, septic tank, new barn, chic[illegible] house and yard, sanitary milking b[illegible], good fences. Five acres Oak grove. Be[illegible] ing fruit trees. Mule, harness, pl[illegible]. Four miles from River Bridge. $5,50[illegible]
B. S. BRASWELL
REAL ESTATE BROKER
1004 Ouachita Bank Bldg.
Phone 2714 or 2372-J 12-

FOUR-ROOM COTTAGE with bath, North 7th street, West Monroe. [illegible] $2,650. Convenient terms can be arran[illegible]
LUTHER REED & CO.
Phone 3050 12-

205 GRAYLING LANE. A real nice [illegible] bedroom home. Hardwood floors thro[illegible] out. In good condition. Large lot. [illegible] possession [illegible]
E. B. JOHNSTON
122 Bernhardt Bldg. Phone
12-

403 ST. JOHN. Consists of four 3-r[illegible] apartments, five bedrooms, seven b[illegible]. Completely furnished. Excellent reve[illegible]. Opposite church. Shown by appointm[illegible] only.
MRS. R. E. DAVIS
Phone 1094 12-

For Sale
3 BEDROOM HOUSE
Texture walls, beautiful hardwood fl[illegible], well arranged, [illegible] spacious [illegible] West Monroe. Bungalow, one block from [illegible] sythe Park. Quality. Shown by appoint[illegible] ment.
B. S. BRASWELL
REAL ESTATE BROKER
1004 Ouachita Bank Bldg.
Phone 2714 or 2372-J
12-

FOR SALE
Summerlin Home
RAYVILLE, LA.
Two story 8-room home. Two baths. [illegible] for business offices.
H. L. ROSENHEIN, Real
815 Ouachita Bank Bldg. Phone
12-

FIVE-ROOM COTTAGE, 215 Hoover, West Monroe. Lot 50x150. Cow [illegible] chicken house. Price $2,750.
LUTHER REED & CO.
Phone 3050 12-

FOR SALE
APARTMENT DUPLEX
Modern throughout. In excellent condi[illegible]. Splendid location. Two bedrooms [illegible] bath in each apartment. For app[illegible] ment phone 3479. 12

LOVELY TWO BEDROO RESIDENCE
Completely furnished with mechanical [illegible] frigerator, etc. Lot 60x160. 1907 N. 7th, corner of Rochelle.
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1515 JACKSON STREE
BEAUTIFUL SOUTHERN COLONIAL HOME
Large entrance hall and beautiful stair[illegible], large living room, drawing room, lib[illegible], dining room, kitchen and pantries, [illegible] front and side porches and screen[illegible] rear porch on first floor. Five large [illegible] rooms, three bathrooms, screened-in [illegible] porch, screened-in and glassed-in [illegible] ing porch and large hall on se[illegible] floor. Beautiful floors throughout. T[illegible] room attendant's cottage including [illegible] and four-car garage. Lot 150 feet [illegible] by 200 feet deep. Beautiful large [illegible] pecan, walnut and fig trees and [illegible] bery. Present owner rents out [illegible] producing $235 per month rental [illegible] and retains three-room apartm[illegible] own use. Shown by engagement [illegible]
H. L. ROSENHEIN, Real
815 Ouachita National Bank Bldg.
Phone 1307 12-

Nice Brick Home
412 McKINLEY AVENUE
Five large rooms, large screened p[illegible] porte cochere, attic, tile roof. All [illegible] features. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Shown by appointment only.
For Quick Sale $7,500
E. W. CRUSE
302 Ouachita Bank Bldg. Phone
12-

87—Lots For Sale

THREE LOTS on paved street [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] West Monroe. A[illegible] [illegible]. E. W. Cruse, phone [illegible]
12-

FOR SALE
Lot 702x66 ft. on Forsythe avenue bet[illegible] 3rd and 4th streets. Best location. P[illegible] 3479. 12-

88—Real Estate Brokers

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HAM & LELA BREARD
415 PARK AVE. PHONE
12

AUTOMOTIVE

18—Wanted—Automotive

DUDLEY PAYS MORE THAN ANYBODY FOR USED CARS, LARGE OR SMALL.
DUDLEY MOTOR CO.
3RD AT WASHINGTON PHONE 5478

SEE US FIRST WE PAY TOP CASH PRICES FOR ANY MAKE USED CAR
ALLEN RITTER
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12-31-A

ALL MAKES used cars bought and sold. Also general paint and body work.
RUSS ESSO SERVICE
Ouachita and Jackson
Phone 181
1-5-P

WANTED TO BUY direct from owner—'38 or '39 coach or sedan. Cash. Phone 2616. 12-21-P

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

19—Business Services Offered

Stoves Repaired and Adjusted
JOSH VONER
119 Breard Alley Phone 971-J

WE REPAIR
Any make of sewing machine or vacuum cleaner.
THE SWAP SHOP
Phone 6791 905 DeSiard
12-23-A

ATTENTION COLEMAN FLOOR FURNACE USERS! We are equipped to clean and adjust your furnaces. Call HOME APPLIANCE CO. Corner DeSiard and Grand. Phone 4260. 12-22-A

WASHING MACHINES REPAIRED, all makes. Maytag our specialty. Fair stock. Plenty of rolls. Dixie Repair Shop, 213 Telemaque. Phone 2556. 1-1-P

MATTRESSES RENOVATED Reasonably priced. Furniture upholstered. West Monroe Mattress Co. 416 Claiborne Phone 1145. 12-31-A

MATTRESSES RENOVATED—New Mattresses at a saving. Work guaranteed. Twin City Mattress Co., 511 Coleman. Phone 4065. 12-31-A

MASK APPLIANCE & SERVICE CO
Commercial and domestic refrigeration service. Radio and appliance service. 132 South Grand Monroe La. Phone 3958
12-28-P

KEYS FITTED, safes opened, and repaired. Tennis rackets restrung. Phone 121. C. C. Lindley. 126 Jackson. 12-31-A

A. F. FLOURNOY, PATENT ATTORNEY. Patent Engineer. Home office Shreveport. In Monroe, La. Call 4001. 12-27-P

MATTRESS RENOVATED—Jobs called for and delivered in and out of town. Work guaranteed. Call 2744 or write Ouachita Mattress Co. 2307 DeSiard St. 1-20-P

SALES AND SERVICE—New Toledo scales. Used scales and market equipment. Butcher supplies. Rental saw service. Write or call
S. D. BURNETTE, AGENT
111 Ouachita Ave. Phone 5832

HALL FUNERAL SERVICE INSURANCE CO
408 Jackson St. Phone 577
12-31-A

WALLACE Radio Service Station. We recondition all makes of radios. Backed by 25 years of radio service. 411 Catalpa St. Telephone 4141. 12-31-A

CLIFFORD'S RADIO SERVICE—3-day service on all makes radios and electrical appliances. Free pick-up and delivery service. 313 Ouachita Ave. Phone 1391-J. 1-18-P

IRENE SIMS REID
NEWS-STAR—WORLD OFFICE
NOTARY PUBLIC

EMPLOYMENT

34—Help Wanted, Male

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

19—Business Services Offered

COMPLETE LINE OF
Mirrors
Desk Tops
Plate Glass
Window Glass
Auto glass installed while you wait.
SAN JACINTO GLASS CO.
510 Cypress St. W. Monroe
Phone 8354
11-9-A

CASH

If you need cash, borrow all you need from us. We lend money on any kind of collateral that you own. Borrow on your car whether it is paid for or not, or on any other kind of collateral.

MOTORS SECURITIES CO., INC.
500 Walnut St. Monroe, La.
Park Beside Our Building

19-B—Corsetiers

REGISTERED Spencer Corsetier—Mrs. J. C. Ziegler. 1409 Fairview Ave. Phone 2228. 12-31-A

19-D Funeral Directors

HALL FUNERAL HOME
Funeral services anybody can afford.
1-9-P

29—Professional Services

MEXICAN LAW PRACTICE
A. B. Flota
Box 240, Juarez, Mexico

EMPLOYMENT

33—Help Wanted, Female

WANTED NURSES AIDS. Position open for high school graduates. Salary, plus room and board. CROSSETT HOSPITAL. Dr. D. V. Smith, Medical Director, Crossett, Arkansas. 12-30-A

WANTED—Woman, girl, or boy to stay with old couple in country. Very little actual work involved. Box 538 c/o News-Star. 12-27-A

HELP WANTED to take care of house and school child. Mother works. 608 Hudson Lane. 12-25-P

WANTED: Experienced waitresses. Steady job, good pay. Apply Green Mill. 12-23-A

WANTED
BOOKKEEPER
For Local Firm
Prefer Permanent Resident
Apply In Person
OUACHITA LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING CORP.
516 Harrison St. 12-27-A

WANTED
Permanent Female Help
Essential war work. Good pay. Pleasant working conditions. Good hours.
Apply Main Office
SELMAN FIELD EXCHANGE
from 9:00 to 12:00 A. M.
12-18-P

WANTED—Girl for part time general housework. $6 weekly. References required. Phone 1592. 12-21-A

WANTED—Young lady, permanent resident, to learn to write advertising. Phone 3952 for appointment for interview. 12-28-A

EMPLOYMENT

34—Help Wanted, Male

Laborers Wanted

URGENTLY NEEDED NOW

To Help Build Naval Ordnance Plant

GOOD PAY

Free Transportation to the Job

Time and half for overtime. Food and lodging available on the job for workers at $1.20 per day. Excellent working conditions. Help build this plant so vitally needed by our fighting forces.

Contractor's Representative Will Hire On the Spot and Furnish Free Transportation at

U. S. Employment Service Office

Monroe, Louisiana

December 18 Through December 30

If you are now engaged in an essential activity at your highest skill, do not apply.

Men under 21 must have wage release form signed by parents which can be obtained at Employment office.

Christmas Shopping Guide

Appropriate Gifts for Everyone . . .

In these columns the best gifts are inviting your patronage with helpful gift suggestions. Save time and worry—and at the same time give friends and relatives gifts which will be thoroughly appreciated.

Christmas Gift Suggestions Gifts For Her

GIFTS FOR HER—Genuine Red Cedar Chests inside and out. Large size and a real beauty. Special at 49.50 at Delta Furniture Company, 133 North Grand street.

A DRESSER SET will thrill any lady. Three piece sets $2.98 up. Lucite sets from 4 to 14 pieces priced from $5.98 to $19.75. Community Furniture Co., 524 DeSiard.

GIVE HER THE BEST. Buy today—nearest thing to natural curly hair. Joan Clair cold wave. Ceil et Albert House of Beauty, Louisville avenue at Sixth street.

A LOVELY ROBE of Chenille, cotton or rayon, chenelle on gingham. Junior miss sizes 7 to 14. Ladies' sizes 12 to 46. $3.98 up. Sears, Roebuck and Co.

WE HAVE A WONDERFUL selection of boudoir and floor lamps. This will please the wife. Lanham Electric Co., 110 Jackson street.

TULIP BULBS, gladiolas, ranunculuses, King Alfreds, and many others. These are ideal for beauty around the home and garden. Carey Holmes Nursery, 904 Cypress, West Monroe.

Christmas Gift Suggestions Gifts For Him

ADAM HAT GIFT CERTIFICATES. Good any where that ADAMS HATS are sold. Priced $5, $6, $7.50 and $10.00. KRAUSS & CAHN. 333 DeSiard.

LOUNGE COATS sizes 34 to 44 fancy plaids and solid colors. Windbreakers $3.98 to $19.95. KRAUSS & CAHN. 333 DeSiard.

ALL MEN LIKE CAMELLIAS. We have them, full buds, and blooms potted. Ideal gifts. Carey Holmes Nursery, 904 Cypress, West Monroe.

NECK TIES 52c to $1.50. Belts 65c to $2.50. Silk pajamas $5.95. Use our easy lay-a-way plan. KRASS & CAHN, 333 DeSiard.

GIVE HIM his favorite bottle of whiskey, brandy, rum or wine. The Package Liquor Store. 109 North Grand.

GIVE A FINE ROBE. Robes of all descriptions, all wool and non-wrinkle. Moore's Tailoring and Men's Wear.

WOOL PLAID SHIRTS $5.95 to $9.95. Solid and plaid gabordine and rayon sport shirts $2.98 to $4.95. KRAUSS & CAHN. 333 DeSiard.

Christmas Gift Suggestions Gifts For Him

PURCHASE A GIFT certificate and let him select it himself. Golden Shuttle ties by McCurrach at Moore's Tailoring and Men's Wear.

GIVE HIM SPORTSWEAR. Leather coats, loafer coats, sweaters, sport shirts and slacks. Sears, Roebuck and Co.

ROBES AND PAJAMAS. Sport coats, leisure coats. Dopp kits, plain and fitted. The Toggery.

GIVE HIM SPORTSWEAR. Loafer coats, sweaters, sport shirts, slacks, and lounge jackets. Moore's Tailoring and Men's Wear.

THE IDEAL GIFT for your husband or brother is the new style modern bed lamp. Make a selection now. Lanham Electric Co., 110 Jackson street.

LEATHER JACKETS, Zelan jackets. Gift certificates for hat, gabardine top coats or sweaters at The Toggery.

HICKOK BELTS, belt sets and jewelry. Man or boy will be pleased with a Hickok gift from Joe F. Smith & Co., West Monroe.

JARMAN SHOE GIFT CERTIFICATES—Let him pick his own size and style. Can't be beat as a useful and appreciative gift. Joe F. Smith & Co., West Monroe.

STETSON HATS—They are tops in choice gifts for the particular man. Give a certificate and let him select his own hat. Joe F. Smith & Co., West Monroe.

LONG SLEEVE and pull over sweaters, two tones and solids. $1.98 to $5.95. KRAUSS & CAHN. 333 DeSiard.

Christmas Gift Suggestions Gifts For Children

VISIT TOYLAND. Bring the kiddies and see the grand selections of toys for the children. J. C. Penny Co. is featuring.

GIFTS FOR CHILDREN—Strong, sturdy natural finish child's rockers. Just like a grownup's. A $3.00 value for $2.49. Delta Furniture Company, 133 North Grand street.

BREAKFAST ROOM tables and chairs, leatherette upholstered rockers, dolls, archery sets and wagons. Community Furniture Co. 524 DeSiard.

WE HAVE A COMPLETE STOCK of toys and games. Goodyear Service, 306 Walnut street.

VISIT TOYLAND! Bring the kiddies and see the grand selection of toys for the children. Sears, Roebuck and Co.

Christmas Gift Suggestions Gifts For The Family

GIFTS for the family and home. Toys for the children. Massey's Service Center, 801 Jackson. Phone 892.

ARCHERY EQUIPMENT complete selection. For any age. Home Appliance Co., Grand and DeSiard.

BEAUTIFUL selection of Camark pottery. Swans, vases, salads, pitchers, bowls, ash trays, camellia bowls. May & Guthrie Hardware. 118 S. Grand.

Christmas Gift Suggestions Gifts For The Family

GIFTS FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY. Diamonds, watches, costume jewelry, lockets, and billfolds. Lee's Jewelry, West Monroe.

MAKE your home more attractive with a coffee table, knee hole desk or bed side table. Dixie Bedding and Furniture Co., 811 Washington.

PLATFORM ROCKERS, coffee tables, occasional tables, blankets, table lamps, smoking stands. Community Furniture Co. 524 DeSiard.

THE WHOLE FAMILY will enjoy beautiful azalias. We have thousands to select from. These are an ideal permanent gift. Carey Holmes Nursery, 904 Cypress street, West Monroe.

Christmas Gift Suggestions Gifts For The Home

GOOD SELECTION of wall paper, both plain and felt backed paper. No canvas needed. Fix up that room for Christmas. Home Appliance Co., Grand and DeSiard.

GENUINE PLATE GLASS MIRRORS, both framed and unframed. See them in our show window. Pearce Paint and Paper.

MAKE YOUR SELECTION from our large stock of light fixtures, perculators and knickknacks from our gift department for Christmas. Lanham Electric Co., 110 Jackson street.

GIFTS FOR THE HOME—Lovely walnut finish coffee tables with glass tops. Attractive period design. Special at 5.95 at Delta Furniture Company, 133 North Grand street.

COMPLETE STOCK CAMARK POTTERY. Make your selection now from over a thousand pieces. Snapp Brothers Gift Shop, 310 Walnut street.

POT PLANTS, potted cactus and other ideal plants for the home. Make your selection now. Carey Holmes Nursery, 904 Cypress, West Monroe.

MAKE your home more pleasant with extra lamps—bed lamps, boudoir lamps, floor lamps from Dixie Bedding and Furniture Co., 811 Washington.

EMPLOYMENT

33—Help Wanted, Female

Waitresses
WANTED
Good hours.
Good pay.
Apply Mr. De Seamus
Walgreen's
12-23-A

34—Help Wanted, Male

WANT PLEASANT OUTDOOR WORK in a business of your own? Good profits selling over 200 widely advertised Rawleigh home/farm necessities. Pays better than most occupations. Hundreds in business 5 to 20 years or more! Products-equipment on credit. No experience needed to start—we teach you how. Write today for full particulars. Rawleigh's, Dept. LAL-102-145, Memphis, Tenn. 12-24-A

THE ANDREW JERGENS COMPANY wants experienced grocery, drug, variety or wagon jobber man interested in service display selling. Guaranteed liberal drawing account aganist commissions. Bonus. Permanent. Must have car. Give age, phone number. Reply to W. O. Boren, 2412 Calhoun St., New Orleans 15, La.

WANTED AT ONCE
Blocksetter for Trout set work, air dogs. Top wages, 56 hrs. per week. Houses, good living conditions, schools, and churches.
LA. DELTA HARDWOOD LUMBER CO.
Trout, La. 12-28-A

WANTED—Two automobile mechanics. Very attractive proposition. Must have own hand tools. Apply in person to Service Manager, West Pontiac Co., 209 Louisville Ave. 12-26-P

35—Help Wtd., Male, Female

LATEX salesmen, send $1.00 for salesmen's Latex sample kit. Brings $5.25. Save on Latex. Get wholesale prices. OPTICAN BROS. 300-10 W. 9th, Kansas City, Mo.

WANTED

A-1 Cleaner and Spotter. Must be good on silks. Must be sober.

Good job after war as well as for present.

Give some information about yourself and state wages required in first letter.

Woods Dry Cleaners
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12-25-P

AGENTS WANTED—In Monroe, West Monroe and every community within 25 miles. Easy; pleasant; part time or full time; no experience necessary; men or women make good money. Hall Funeral Service Insurance Co., Inc. 12-16-A

WANTED—Waitress. Also colored porter and 2 dishwashers for night shift. Apply in person Toddle House, 212 Louisville. Phone 4407. 12-28-P

FINANCIAL

39—Business Opportunities

LOANS

If you need cash, borrow all you need from us. We lend money on any kind of collateral that you own. Borrow on your car, whether it is paid for or not, or on any other kind of collateral.

MOTORS SECURITIES CO., INC.
500 Walnut St. Monroe, La.
Park Beside Our Building

FINANCIAL

41—Money To Loan

LOANS
$10————$1,000

Why not use the Three Way Finance Company's simplified loan plan obtaining a loan for whatever you might need using anything that you have as collateral in proportion to your loan.

3-WAY FINANCE CO.
H. K. TOUCHSTONE, Owner
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1-8-P

LOANS
Borrow the extra cash you need without red tape.
Loans of All Types
Auto, Furniture, Signature
Liberal Credit—Flexible Terms
QUICK, CONFIDENTIAL SERVICE
Friendly Finance Service
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J. C. Loftin, Mgr.
Lena Belle Braswell, Cashier
1-7-P

LOANS
- Automobile
- Furniture
- Signature

The Commercial Securities Co.
Ground Floor Bernhardt Bldg.
109 North Second Phone 929
12-25-P

4% INTEREST
Monthly Payment $9.00 Per Thousand
WHY PAY MORE?
Borrow from Us on Real Estate
PEOPLE'S HOMESTEAD AND SAVINGS ASSOCIATION
12-31-A

Cash

For Today . . . Tomorrow or whenever you want it.

If you need cash, borrow all you need from us—We lend money on any kind of collateral that you own.

Borrow On Your Car whether it is paid for or not or any other kind of collateral.

For more than 16 years we have been lending cash money in Monroe and its trade area.

We are striving to be Monroe's leading "money store."

Make Only One Trip. Get the cash while you are here. It is easy to borrow money from us.

Motors Securities Co., Inc.
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Monroe, La.
Park Beside Our Building
12-24-A

FINANCIAL

41—Money To Loan

QUICK loan service for folks in a hurry . . .

IF a loan is to your advantage, see us. A loan from Personal provides cash promptly, with a minimum of delay. Apply by phone; then make one visit to sign and get the cash. Co-signers seldom required.

Personal FINANCE CO.
Mrs. C. D. Cook, Mgr.
Phone 1288
213 Bernhardt Bldg.

LIVESTOCK

48—Dogs, Cats, Pets, Etc

BEAUTIFUL Pomeranian puppy. Ideal Christmas gift. 6390. 12-26-A

SCOTTIE PUPS for Christmas. Pedigreed stock, show specimens. Do not call unless you want quality. Phone 6165-W. 12-25-P

FOR SALE—Beagles, beautiful small type pups ready to train. Call or write C. O. Rolfe, Oak Ridge, La. 12-28-A

49—Horses, Cattle, Other Stk.

JUST RECEIVED 20 head of mules, from 2 to 6 years old. Also some horses and mares. Before you buy see D. M. Boyd, Coleman avenue, West Monroe. 12-15-P

FOR SALE—Jersey milch cow. Call 294 or 4527.

50—Poultry & Supplies

PULLORUM TESTED CHICKS. C. O. D. Reds, Rocks, Wyandottes, Anconas, Minorcas, Leghorns, Giants, Rock Reds or Red Rock Crosses $12.95 per 100. Mixed heavys as hatched $10.95 per 100. Leghorn broilers make 2 lb. friers in 7 wks. $8.95 per 100. Crestwood Hatchery, P. O. Box 171, Somerdale, N. J. 12-24-A

FRYERS FOR SALE—Phone 1217. 12-27-A

FRYERS AND BROILERS. Anders Hatchery, Hwy. 80, West Monroe. 12-29-A

FOR SALE: Nice fat chickens. 3101 Gordon Ave. Phone 1463. 12-25-P

MERCHANDISE

52—Articles For Sale

SACRIFICE—$950 diamond (2 carat perfect) blue-white gem for $600. Will leave at any bank. Box 695 c/o News-Star. 12-24-A

ODD PIECES OF RECONDITIONED FURNITURE
1 Kitchen cabinet.
2 Breakfast suites
1 China closet.
1 Buffet.
1 Daybed.
Steel cots.
Odd chairs and rockers.
Sofa bed.
Odd tables.
1 Wardrobe trunk.
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6 Army lockers.
New suitcases.
New electric hot plates.
Electric heaters.
Iron cords.
Extension cords.
New fluorscent desk lights.
COMMUNITY FURNITURE CO.
524 DeSiard Phone 6144
12-27-P

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Free Demonstration
No Obligation
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U. S. Army Issue Surplus Used Merchandise At Great Bargain Prices
34,000 pairs shoes, no ration stamp needed, $2.15.
26,000 raincoats, $2.15.
2,900 soft feather pillows, 90c.
Meskits, 40c.
Canteens, 40c.
Cups, 25c.
Fatigue hats, 25c.
Also 10,000 NEW U. S. Army extra heavy 4 lbs., 6 oz., olive drab, single, cotton blankets, size 6 x 7 feet, red hot bargains, $3.15, real Christmas presents.
All postage prepaid. No c. o. d.'s. Send money order.
Blank's Exchange
Wichita Falls, Texas

MERCHANDISE

52—Articles For Sale

GOOD YARD DIRT FOR SALE
Both Fill-in and Flower Dirt
$5 per load. Phone 6254 1-4-P

HOT WATER TANKS
Quick Plumbing Service
KELLY PLUMBING CO
602 Louisville Ave. Phone 4415
12-31-P

12 Ga. Double barrel, 10 boxes shells. 20 Ga. Remington automatic 2 barrels, 9 boxes shells, 8 horse, Lockwood Ace outboard motor perfect condition. Phone 3508.

NEW SHIPMENT enamel tea kettles, dish pans, sauce pans, dripolators, perculators, boilers, tin pie plates, muffin pans, pottery. Many other useful household articles. May & Guthrie Hardware, 118 S. Grand. Phone 90.

Beer Retailers
We Deliver
Commander Premium Pilsner Beer
In Truckload Lots
M. E. CLARK Distributing Co.
Phone 2431
Mer Rouge, La.
1-12-A

Get your Build-a-set today. They are easy to build. Lots of fun for the whole family. Aeroplane sets, trains, farms, and Donald Ducks. You will find them at Wallace Radio Service, 411 Catalpa. Phone 4141.
12-22-P

WE HAVE IN STOCK one Burks shallow well pump complete with tank. Have several Jacuzzi deep well pumps with 42 gallon tank in both single or double pipe injectors. Home Appliance Co. Grand at DeSiard. Phone 4260.

VERY LARGE PLAY CAR, skates, also dressers, cook stoves, 810 Cypress, West Monroe. 12-23-A

BABY BASSINET, ivory and blue, with collapsible legs. Lined and padded. Mattress included. Phone 3028-J. 12-26-A

MAN'S new all wool Hart Schaffner and Mark overcoat. Worn three times. Call 5541-R. 12-22-P

STEELE DRUMS FOR GARBAGE CANS
THE LIEBER CO.
100 11th St. Phone 245
1-8-P

SPECIAL Rheem Arrowhead fully automatic water heaters with double galvanized tank and spun glass insulation. Home Appliance. Grand at DeSiard. Phone 4260.

SHOES AND CLOTHING
MEN'S RUBBERS $1.98
Federal Hardware Co.
107 DESIARD
12-26-P

We Have 35 M M Films
Rembrandt
12-26-P

57—Farm & Dairy Products

GOOD BERMUDA and Lespedeza mixed, also choice pure Bermuda hay. Will trade some hay for good corn. Write or call J. T. Austin, Loop Road, Monroe, La. Phone 5206. 12-26-P

60—Good Things To Eat

DELICIOUS HOMEMADE FRUIT CAKE $1.00 per lb. 206 Pine, West Monroe. 12-22-P

MERCHANDISE

62—Household Goods

ELECTRIC REFRIGERATOR, extra good kitchen gas range, complete bedroom suite, breakfast set, 32 automatic with box shells and Hamilton 21-jewel railroad watch. Phone 1610 or 1877. 12-24-A

TRUNK, twin bedroom suite, breakfast room suite, Singer sewing machine, white porcelain table-top apartment stove, mattresses and springs. 1020 Riverside. 12-24-A

MILLS FURNITURE CO.
We buy and sell new and used furniture
323 Trenton, West Monroe—Phone 420
12-31-A

65—Musical Merchandise

KING CORNET, B flat, and case. Nice gift for Christmas. Can be seen at 300 South 2nd, West Monroe.

70—Wanted To Buy

WE BUY ANYTHING OF VALUE
Furniture, heaters, stoves, tools, motors, used lumber, sheet iron, iron, etc.
NICK'S TRADING POST
711 Washington Ct. Phone 5838
1-7-P

WANTED TO PURCHASE
Pecans—Pecans—Pecans
ANY QUANTITY—ANY KIND
THE LIEBER CO.
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12-31-A

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We Buy All Kinds of Used Furniture
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WE PAY MORE FOR USED FURNITURE
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12-31-A

IF YOU don't believe that we pay the highest prices for any article of value, call us and find out. Brennan Utilities, 517 Ouachita Ave. Phone 9204. 12-28-P

Wanted to Purchase
PECANS PECANS
Any quantity any kind
BAYLES BROS. FUR CO.
507 Trenton, W. Monroe. Phone 5550
12-22-P

WANTED TO PURCHASE
PECANS—PECANS
ANY QUANTITY—ANY KIND
WEINBERG'S
1202 DeSiard Phone 5888
1-11-P

REAL ESTATE FOR RENT

72—Business Places

SUITE OF OFFICES for rent. Conveniently located uptown. Three-Way Finance Co., Phone 3400. H. K. Touchstone, owner. 12-24-A

FOR RENT—Brick building for business or storage. 215 S. 5th St. Phone 649. 12-17-A

FOR RENT—5 acres of land with warehouse, 50x100. Both railroad switch tracks. Suitable for supply house or wholesale business. The Lieber Co. Phone 245. 12-29-P

75-A—Garage For Rent

FOR RENT—Garage with doors, for car or storage. Phone 649. 12-17-A

78—Rooms Without Board

NICE LARGE BEDROOM—Next to cafe. 810 Cypress St., West Monroe. 12-13-P

83—Wanted To Rent

PERMANENT civilian family urgently need 2 to 5-room unfurnished house or apartment. Write Box 696, c/o News-Star. 12-26-P

TWO PERMANENT ADULTS, mother and daughter, need furnished or unfurnished apartment close in. Call 5220-W, after 6:00 p. m., Mrs. Broomfield. 12-26-A

WANT TO LEASE or rent a one mule farm. Q. W. Snowden, West Monroe, La., General Delivery.

PERMANENT—Nurse at St. Frances would like 3 or 4-room furnished or unfurnished apartment near hospital. No children, no pets. Phone 3388-M.

OVERSEAS RETURNEE OFFICER and wife desperately need furnished apartment or house. No children, no pets. Call 6675-W. 12-25-P

OFFICER AND WIFE desire furnished apartment or house. Phone 539 after 5 p. m. 12-26-P

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

84—Business Prop. For Sale

FOR SALE
In Delhi
Filling station at intersection of highway 80 and 18. Excellent for filling station, grocery and restaurant combined. Call 1094. 12-23-A

EXCELLENT business location—110 Pine St. Large 2-story, 12-room house. Lot 100x200. Switch track available on Olive. Priced to sell.
MRS. R. E. DAVIS
Phone 1094 12-26-P

LOUISVILLE AVE. BUSINESS PROPERTY
1,000 ft. frontage; adjoining Superior Lumber Co.
Should increase in value rapidly.
H. L. ROSENHEIN, Realtor
815 Ouachita National Bank Bldg.
Phone 1307 12-28-A

ATTENTION INVESTORS
Fine commercial property in Monroe business district. Fully rented at all times, annual rental $5,700.00. For information, call in person at my office.
H. L. ROSENHEIN, Realtor
815 Ouachita National Bank Bldg.
Phone 1307
12-28-P

85—Farms & Land For Sale

SIX-ROOM HOUSE, 3-room house, 40 acres land, and dairy barn. Electric lights and good well water. About 22 acres open land. Located about 2 miles out on Prairie Road off Winnsboro Road. For quick sale $3,000. Immediate possession.
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Phone 5400 12-29-P

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1423 Forsythe Ave.
Lovely recently constructed two bedro home. Completely furnished with pre-w furniture.
Garage and store room.
Lot 75x145, beautifully landscaped w lawn, flowers, shrubbery and trees.
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BEAUTIFUL SOUTHERN COLONIAL HOME
Large entrance hall and beautiful stair large living room, drawing room, lib dining room, kitchen and pantries, front and side porches and screen rear porch on first floor. Five large rooms, three bathrooms, screened-in porch, screened-in and glassed-in ing porch and large hall on se floor. Beautiful floors throughout. T room attendant's cottage including and four-car garage. Lot 150 feet by 200 feet deep. Beautiful large pecan, walnut and fig trees and bery. Present owner rents out producing $235 per month rental and retains three-room apartm own use. Shown by engagement on
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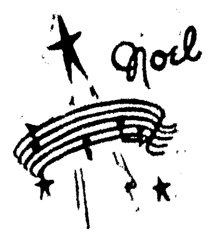

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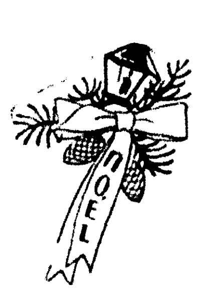

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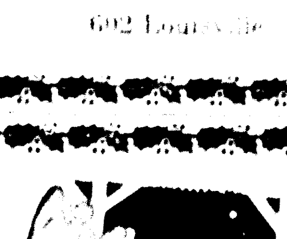

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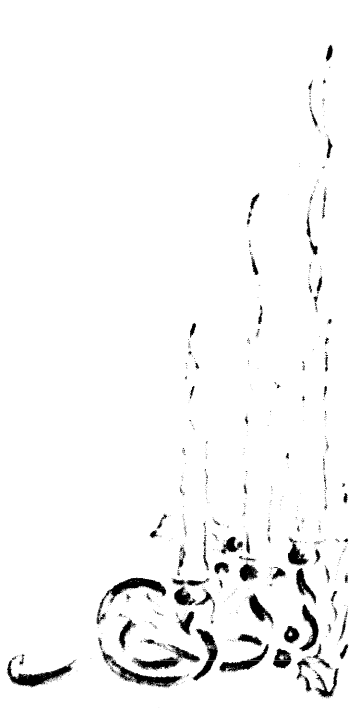

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BEST WISHES

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711 Washington St.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. R. (Ruff) Tidwell

With Friendly Greetings for
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May the day find you blessed with all the fulfillment of your desires—and may the New Year ahead provide you with an ever increasing share of all the good things of life.

EXCHANGE HARDWARE &
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105 North Sixth St. Phone 354

Thanks a Million

To my many loyal friends and patrons who have made my business a total success during the past few months that I have been on my own, may God bless each and every one of you and may the richest blessings be yours through the coming year. Peace on Earth, good will toward men.

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Monroe Brick & Builders
Supply Company

Here's hoping he's bringing the best Jolly Santa is heading your way. . . . gift of all—peace for all men of good will!

Christmas Cheer

BLOCK'S CYCLE SHOP
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Home Furniture Co.
501 DeSiard

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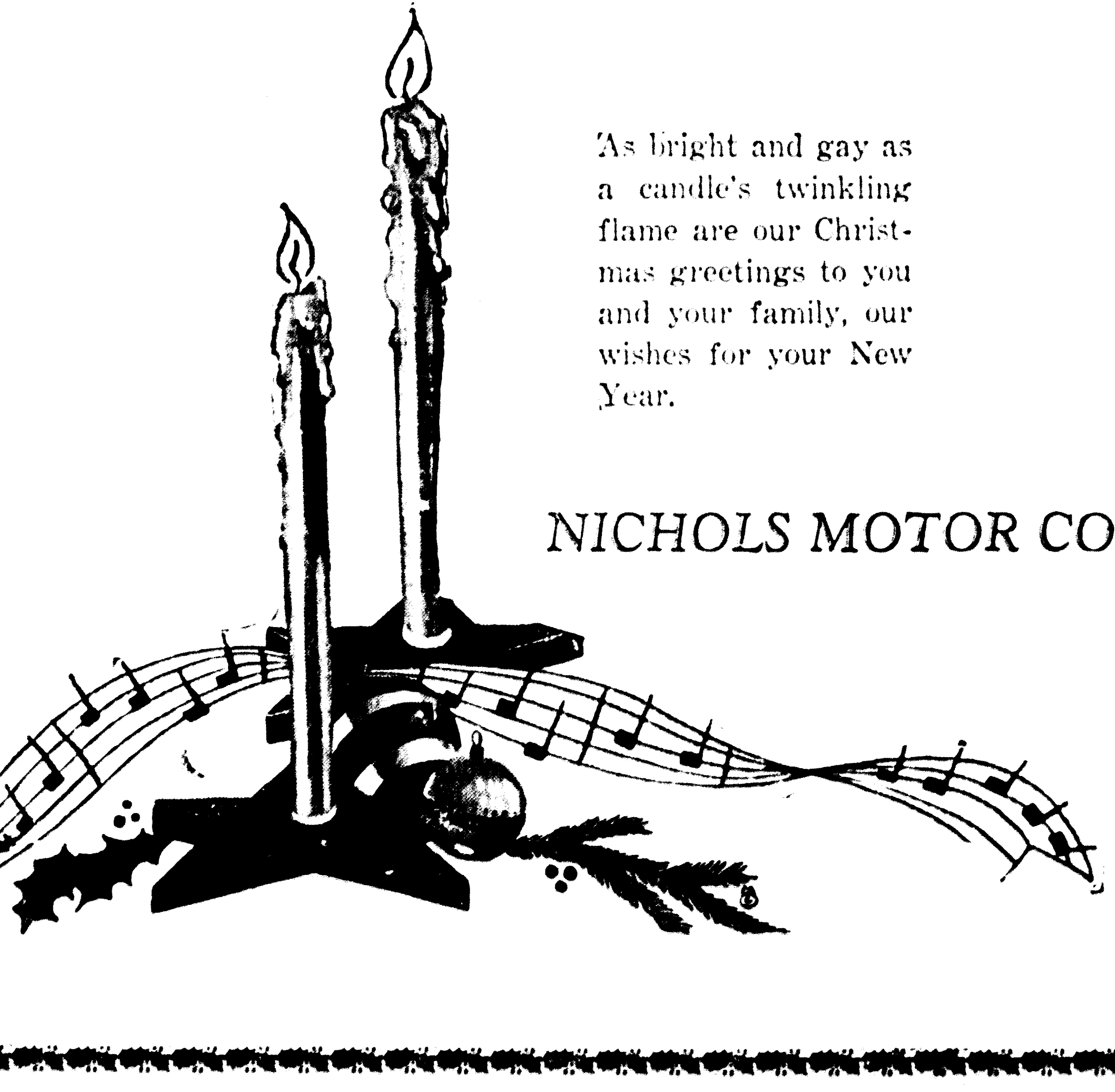
To All My Friends and Customers

A. E. Montgomery



As bright and gay as a candle's twinkling flame are our Christmas greetings to you and your family, our wishes for your New Year.

NICHOLS MOTOR CO.

Wishing You a Merry American Christmas

That peace and happiness may soon come to all the gallant men and women now serving their country is our holiday hope this year, together with those who await their homecoming.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. H. Rodriguez

Christmas Greetings and good wishes for the year 1945 to our friends and patrons.

BEST WISHES

NICK'S TRADING POST
711 Washington St.

On this most joyous occasion we want to pause for just a moment to wish you holiday cheer and to extend our hope for Peace to come.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. (Ruff) Tidwell

With Friendly Greetings for
CHRISTMAS
Best Wishes for the
NEW YEAR

May the day find you blessed with all the fulfillment of your desires—and may the New Year ahead provide you with an ever increasing share of all the good things of life.

EXCHANGE HARDWARE & FURNITURE STORE
105 North Sixth St. Phone 384

Thanks a Million

To my many loyal friends and patrons who have made my business a total success during the past few months that I have been on my own, may God bless each and every one of you and may the richest blessings be yours through the coming year. Peace on Earth, good will toward men.

Again let me say "Thank You." Your continued patronage will be appreciated.

City Cafe
"Your Home Uptown"
West Monroe Mrs. Anne Witt, Owner

Christmas Cheer

The Yuletide season is here once again. We want to wish you good cheer and express our thanks for your patronage in the past year and hope that we may continue to serve you in the future.

It is our Christmas prayer that the coming year will bring Total Victory and the speedy return of our boys.

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Greetings

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Acme Beverage Co.
223 S. 5th St.

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From the Daddy of Them All
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Not as plentiful, but just as good.

DRINK RUBY BEER

We wish to take this opportunity to wish all our friends and customers Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Acme Beverage Company
223 S. 5th St.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

We extend the season's greetings to our friends and apologize for our inability to make your Ceramic tile installations and repairs for the duration—the manufacturer who furnishes a large part of our Ceramic tile is now manufacturing compressed cereal and K rations for our boys on the battle fronts, and our mechanics are "frozen" in war industry.

We sincerely hope to be able to serve you sometime in 1945.

Monroe Brick & Builders Supply Company

Christmas Cheer

Here's hoping he's bringing the best Jolly Santa is heading your way. . . . gift of all—peace for all men of good will!

BLOCK'S CYCLE SHOP
419 DeSiard St.

YULETIDE GREETINGS
and
BEST WISHES
For A Peaceful New Year

D & E FURNITURE CO., INC.
341 DeSiard

The Yuletide comes this year as a welcome carrier of good cheer. It is our fervent Christmas prayer that the coming year will bring Total Victory and restore to all the world peace for all time.

Home Furniture Co.
501 DeSiard

We extend hearty Season's Greetings to our friends and patrons and especially to our boys in the service who we hope will soon return to us—victorious.

THE RIVERSIDE SANITARIUM
AND STAFF

Season's Greetings

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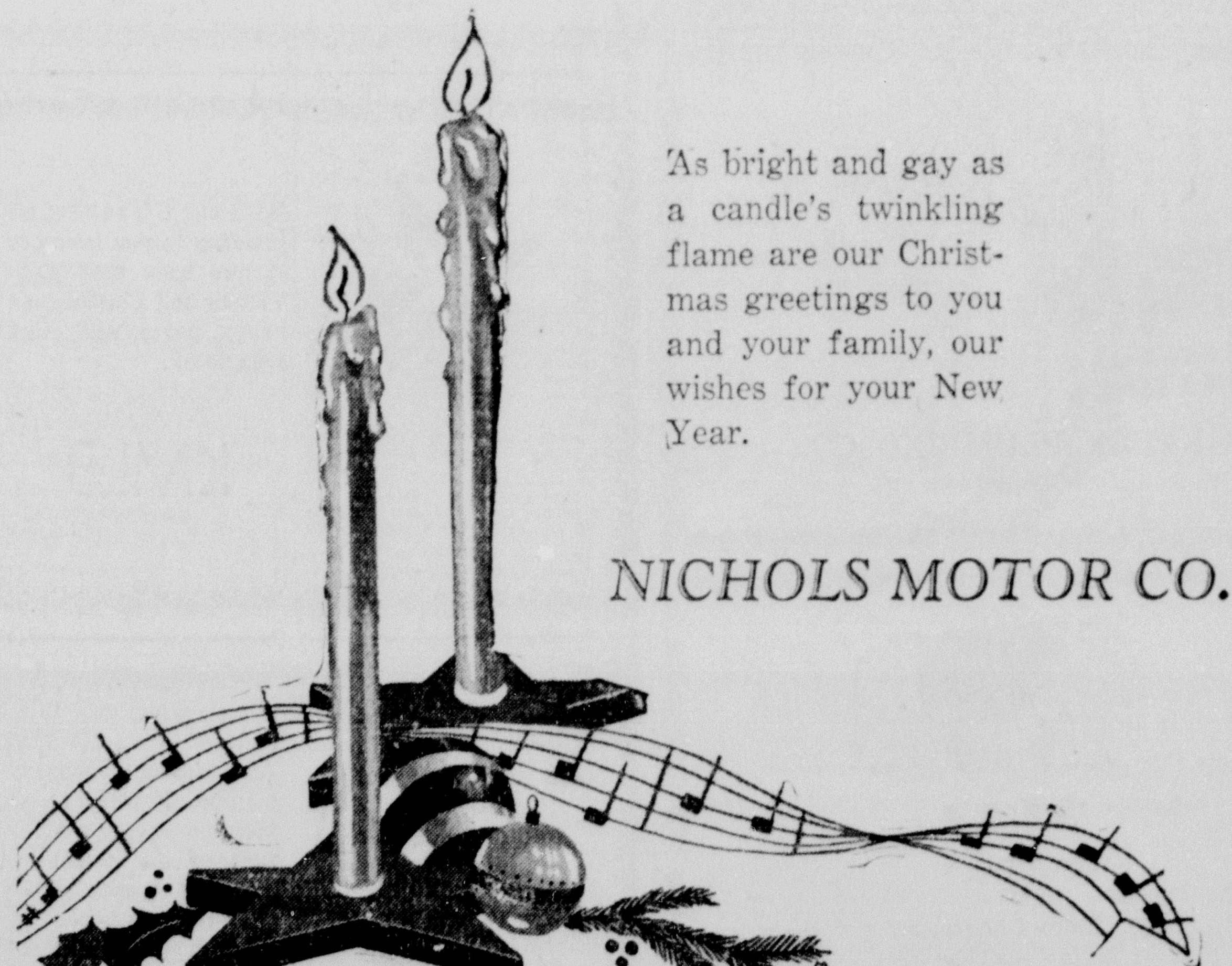

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Carey Holmes

Sincere wishes for your happiness this Christmas . . . and success in the New Year.

LOU'S SERVICE STATION
236 South Grand
Lou Rosenberg, Manager

We've a box full of Christmas wishes for you—happiness, health and the best of New Years to follow.

Goodyear Service Stores

Greetings

We've thought and thought of a new way to bring you our holiday greetings, but the simple statement—"Merry Christmas" says it best of all!

We will not operate our cabs Christmas Eve or Christmas Day in order to give our employes a thoroughly deserved rest.

Twin City Cab Co.
Phone 404 or 222

The First Methodist Church
West Monroe, La.

Take this means of extending season greetings to the congregation and our friends . . . and especially to all men and women in our armed forces.

The Christmas lights gleam—shining with all our bright hopes for the happiness of peace to come. Merry Christmas!

Rev. P. M. Caraway
Minister

Best Wishes for the Holiday Season.

Scalia's Service Station
700 DeSiard

We take this means of thanking our customers for their past patronage and to announce that we will be closed Christmas Day so that our employes may have a much deserved rest.

Wishing to all a Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

LARRIE'S CAFE
137 South Grand

In this, the gayest season of all the year, our best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

THE SWAP SHOP
O. L. Hortman, Owner
905 DeSiard

With the arrival of the gay holiday season come our greetings to you. We want to say success for the coming year and Merry Christmas to all.

F. G. Butcher Music Co.
108 Catalpa

An enduring Peace, a Happy New Year, and the speedy return of our brave men and women to their families is our most heartfelt Christmas wish this year.

Salley Transport
706 Trenton St.,
West Monroe

These are busy, busy days but we've always time to pause a moment while we wish you a very Merry Christmas.

S. D. Burnette
Agent for Toledo Scales

GREETINGS

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B. M. I.

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Wallace Radio Service Station
411 Catalpa St.

Cheerio

Bright as the Star of Bethlehem is our deep faith that this year will yet see complete peace on earth and the speedy return of our boys.

Walker's Grocery

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
And May
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T. J. ELDRIDGE
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La. Motor Coaches
"Cuz" Rogers

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109 North Second St.

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MRS. ZIEGLER
CORSETIER
1409 Fairview Phone 2228

Greetings

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Olcott-Stone Motors
211 North Second St.

BEST WISHES
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May there be Peace for the world in 1945.

SIEVER'S
Service Station
621 Jackson St.

The Christmas bells ring out, and in their tune we hear good will and bright hope. In this glorious season, may all your wishes come true.

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110 Cotton St. West Monroe

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MAYOR and MRS. D. C. GOLSON and DAUGHTER, BELL

We send you every good wish this joyous day. Brightly as the Christmas candles burn, so burns the hope in our hearts for a full Victory and the speeded return of our loved ones.

P. & B. Plumbing & Heating Co.
Ping Morgan and Bob Semmes
2309 South Grand St.

What better way to express our good cheer and happy wishes to you on this joyous day, than to say in the same old-fashioned way — Merry Christmas to one and all.

LANHAM ELECTRIC CO.
110 Jackson

Merry Christmas

To you and yours go our heartiest wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a glorious New Year.

SMITH & DURBIN
FEED AND SEED STORE
815 DeSiard St. Phone 6694

HAPPY HOLIDAY

With our Christmas greeting to you goes our sincere hope that Total Victory and a lasting and happy peace will come soon to all.

Community Furniture Co.

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OIL STOCKS ARE BELOW DEMANDS

Publication Points Out Needs In War Time Combat

Crude oil stocks in the United States are 52,000,000 barrels below normal needs, and stocks of all refined products are 48,000,000 barrels too low, The Petroleum Engineer states in its monthly review of the national oil situation. A 60-day supply of crude and petroleum products is considered normal; the present supply is 17 per cent subnormal. In the first 11 months of 1944 increase in refining operations exceeded the national increase in crude production by 76,000,000 barrels.

In November crude production reached a new peak of 4,755,000 barrels daily with gains reported by California, Oklahoma, Louisiana, New Mexico, Mississippi and Illinois. Output this year is 12 per cent above a year ago, Texas production accounting for a 27 per cent increase over last year. National production this year has been about 2 per cent under actual requirements.

Drilling increased sharply in November with 123 more wells being completed than in October, but productive wells were 78 less than in October. The lag in wildcatting continued with the result that drilling in the first 11 months fell to 7 per cent below expectancy.

Continued increase in motor fuel production enabled the industry to exceed requirements in the first 11 months of 1944 by about 2,500,000 barrels. An important factor is the greater recovery of gasoline from crude by refineries. November yield was the highest recovery of gasoline from crude by refineries. November yield was the highest in many months, averaging 40.7 per cent, against a 38.7 per cent a year ago. This year's increase is 2.2 per cent in gasoline recovery, which means about 33,000,000 barrels more motor fuel than might have been produced on basis of last year's yield.

Since Pearl Harbor the production of natural gasoline has nearly doubled and in the past 11 months output has increased more than 10,000,000 barrels over last year. Increased production of naturals in combination with more crude processing at higher yields has boosted production of motor fuels 125,000,000 barrels or 22 per cent over last year.

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COAT REPORTED STOLEN

Monroe police officers were investigating a theft at the Monroe Hotel Cafe Friday night after a red checked chenille house coat was reported stolen from the storage room where the employes keep their clothing. The coat belonged to Geneve Allen, who resides at the Hankins Hotel, West Monroe.

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The United States bird population has been estimated at at least five billion.

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23.5 MILLION PEOPLE DISABLED

Major Problem Is To Find Employment For Handicapped

By James Marlow

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—It may be disquieting just before Christmas to recall that there are perhaps 23 1/2 million people in this country who are disabled or have chronic diseases.

But here are reasons for not forgetting it: Many more of them could be employed than are working now; and we have a long way to go before solving the problem of our disabled—or handicapped—people.

Even information about them appears meager: Who they are, where they are, how to reach them and what to do for them to help them most.

In Congress a House subcommittee has been studying the problem since last June. It admits the surface has hardly been scratched and will ask the new Congress for permission to continue its work.

No one knows how long that will take. Years, perhaps. At the end the committee hopes to draw up legislation which will do some good on a much wider scale than is being done now.

England has a law which now in war time compels industries to hire disabled people on a basis of percentage of total number of workers. We have nothing like that. And such a law in peace time seems unlikely here.

Not even the real number of people suffering from disabilities or chronic diseases is known. The figure—23 1/2 million—at the start of this story is a committee estimate based on old figures.

(It includes the blind, deaf, lame, tubercular.)

But of that total—because some are too young, some too old and many are women—not more than perhaps 10 millions disabled men and women could be considered prospects for jobs.

And even that figure is too high when you subtract that unknown number of persons totally unable to work because of chronic illness or some other cause.

Here's some of the picture from the committee's report:

"In 1943, federal agencies reported 2,500,000 physically handicapped registered for employment. Of these, it was estimated that approximately 1,500,000 required some form of rehabilitation process.

"The remaining 1 million could be placed without further training but the combined resources of federal agencies responsible for placement of workers in industry were able to place only 194,000."

This is one point the committee stresses:

"There is great need for more widespread information about the jobs the physically handicapped can do and a program of public education to remove from the minds of some employers long-standing prejudices against the employment of such persons."

The federal government is now the largest employer of disabled people. As to those who have found war-time jobs in industry: The labor department reports they have made good records, very often better than the able-bodied.

The federal government has an agency—the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation—to help disabled people fit into some kind of job which they could do if trained properly.

This agency works with the states. In every state there are vocational rehabilitation offices and staffs to train the disabled for jobs.

The office was created by federal law of 1920 to help those who were too poor to help themselves or, being able to pay, needed expert aid in getting rehabilitated.

In the first 20 years of its existence the agency rehabilitated only about 210,000 people. Through subsequent amendments it was able to expand its work. Last year it rehabilitated 44,000.

But this is a pretty small figure when placed against estimates that last year 358,000 people were permanently disabled, which is only about 8,000 more than were permanently disabled the year before.

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BUT TRY TO BUY A SHIRT

SAO PAULA—(AP)—Official reports here predict a 1943-44 cotton crop of 450,000,000 kilos—a record production for Brazil, 75,000,000 kilos above last season. Indications are the crop will be even higher grade than a year ago. The prolonged drouth which worked hardship on coffee, cattle and truck farming helped the cotton.

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Park Beside Our Building

LONG ADVANCE OF GERMANS IS CONSIDERED UNLIKELY

Strategists Think Crossing Muese Would Be Too Costly

(By the Washington Staff of the Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Don't pay too much attention to the scare stories which say the Germans may try to drive to the North Sea, cutting off large segments of Americans behind their new lines.

They face the Meuse river. Crossing it in the face of superior Allied forces, military strategists here think, would be too costly a task even for a desperate Von Rundstedt. And the Germans would have to cross the Meuse to take back any large segment of either France or Belgium.

The only thing they can try to do now is to turn rather sharply northeast from their farthest point of advancement, skirt the Meuse to the east, and drive us out of the hard-won Aachen bulge. North of the bulge, if they were able to take it, the Meuse would still hold them to their line.

Food vs. machines for Europe—as soon as the clouds clear away from this most recent German counterattack you can expect to see a shift in emphasis on the supplies we're shipping to liberated territories.

Both Jean Monnet, the French commissioner-at-large, and Richard K. Law, of England, are here to talk over supplies.

Monnet is insisting that food is necessary, because once they're running there is less danger of political upsets from busy people than from currently idle thousands.

Washington has listened so sympathetically that Monnet has already won the "un-freezing" of some French funds here for the purchase of machines, and the foreign economic administration has written out some requisitions for him to get machinery in our very tight market.

Franco rides out first finesse—those who watch Spanish affairs closely think now there will be little news about Spain until after Jan. 10, when the exiled Spanish republicans will meet in Mexico City to re-elect Martinez Barrio the president of the exiled Cortes, or Spanish Congress.

Franco, to the surprise of many, rode out the first war of nerves. The rumors that flew over the European air waves recently, saying that Franco had resigned, were believed here to be a finesse which would force Spanish military and Catholic authorities to request Franco to step down.

Barrio will probably start by solidifying a large Latin-American bloc behind his desire to re-establish a home-land republic. He already has the friendship of Mexico, Cuba, Chile, Colombia—and Russia. He's expected to swing through the rest of South America, picking up more backing, before he tackles either Washington or London to gain what he must have—recognition as the leader of a Spanish exile government.

Japs face decision—what the Japanese do in south China in the next few weeks may have a very important bearing on the course of the Pacific war.

Japan's Gen. Yasuji Okamura still has about a quarter-of-a-million troops manning his corridor which runs through south China to the Indo-China border.

He shows signs of hesitation. He is within striking distance of the main bases of American airpower in Yunnan and Szechuan provinces, but his striking power is limited by his extended supply lines. And 250 American planes have just dropped the biggest bomb load the Orient has felt on his vital supply center at Hankow through which travels every cartridge and drop of gasoline for his front line.

Okamura must now decide on risky offensive strikes. Or he must consolidate his corridor through China for a long defensive war.

The tax headache—first the first time since the war began you can look forward to a new Congress without wondering how much It's going to up your taxes.

Most of the House Ways and Means committee members are thinking only of writing a more orderly, stabilized tax program, rather than some major revenue bill that would mean more headaches on tax days.

Cheaper eggs next spring?—the Office of Price Administration is preparing to take the price ceilings off eggs in May when the big supply comes into the market. Idea is that prices will go down, more people will buy eggs and a market glut will be avoided. Price ceilings, say advocates of this move, tend to become selling prices and egg prices might not go down if ceilings were kept on. Once the surplus is gone, ceilings will be slapped right back on.

Peace-time military training—when February rolls around you can get ready for a full scale House debate on the plan to give American youths compulsory military training even in peace time.

The House post-war military policy committee, headed by Representative Woodrum, Democrat, Virginia, generally favors the idea, and they also lean to making the training exclusively military. They think they'll have a draft bill ready by February. They'll turn it over to the House military affairs committee which expects to open public hearings immediately.

"Doc" may be back—some day now you may see your favorite doctor back on main street, doing business at the old stand, in civvies, instead of khaki.

The Army Medical Corps is planning a "moderate reduction" in its staff of medical officers. The strength of the medical corps is now 45,000, and since the ceiling (unannounced) is slightly lower a few doctors will be dropped, mostly the senior grade medicos who have been engaged in mainly administrative tasks.

The medical corps still would like more doctors, but at this time they don't want to draw any more medical men from civilian life. The student training program for young doctors is going ahead at its usual pace.

CALDWELL VISITS JUNIOR COLLEGE

Official Is Accompanied By McKnight Employment Supervisor

Making an official visit to the campus of Northeast Junior College December 21 were Dr. S. A. Caldwell, dean of the junior division of Louisiana State University, and T. K. McKnight, general supervisor of student employment at the university and executive secretary of the L. S. U. Alumni Association.

It was Dean Caldwell's first trip to the institution since Dr. Rodney Cline, former dean of John McNeese Junior College, Lake Charles, began his duties December 1 as dean of the college here. General conditions considered at N. J. C. brought favorable comments from Dean Caldwell, whose position is that of coordinator of junior colleges that are branches of the university.

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Publication Points Out Needs In War Time Combat

Crude oil stocks in the United States are 52,000,000 barrels below normal needs, and stocks of all refined products are 48,000,000 barrels too low, The Petroleum Engineer states in its monthly review of the national oil situation. A 60-day supply of crude and petroleum products is considered normal; the present supply is 17 per cent subnormal. In the first 11 months of 1944 increase in refining operations exceeded the national increase in crude production by 76,000,000 barrels.

In November crude production reached a new peak of 4,755,000 barrels daily with gains reported by California, Oklahoma, Louisiana, New Mexico, Mississippi and Illinois. Output this year is 12 per cent above a year ago, Texas production accounting for a 27 per cent increase over last year. National production this year has been about 2 per cent under actual requirements.

Drilling increased sharply in November with 123 more wells being completed than in October, but productive wells were 78 less than in October. The lag in wildcatting continued with the result that drilling in the first 11 months fell to 7 per cent below expectancy.

Continued increase in motor fuel production enabled the industry to exceed requirements in the first 11 months of 1944 by about 2,500,000 barrels. An important factor is the greater recovery of gasoline from crude by refineries. November yield was the highest recovery of gasoline from crude by refineries. November yield was the highest in many months, averaging 40.7 per cent, against a 38.7 per cent a year ago. This year's increase is 2.2 per cent in gasoline recovery, which means about 33,000,000 barrels more motor fuel than might have been produced on basis of last year's yield.

Since Pearl Harbor the production of natural gasoline has nearly doubled and in the past 11 months output has increased more than 10,000,000 barrels over last year. Increased production of naturals in combination with more crude processing at higher yields has boosted production of motor fuels 125,000,000 barrels or 22 per cent over last year.

COAT REPORTED STOLEN

Monroe police officers were investigating a theft at the Monroe Hotel Cafe Friday night after a red checked chenille house coat was reported stolen from the storage room where the employes keep their clothing. The coat belonged to Geneve Allen, who resides at the Hankins Hotel, West Monroe.

The United States bird population has been estimated at at least five billion.

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23.5 MILLION PEOPLE DISABLED

Major Problem Is To Find Employment For Handicapped

By James Marlow

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—It may be disquieting just before Christmas to recall that there are perhaps 23 1/2 million people in this country who are disabled or have chronic diseases.

But here are reasons for not forgetting it: Many more of them could be employed than are working now; and we have a long way to go before solving the problem of our disabled—or handicapped—people.

Even information about them appears meager: Who they are, where they are, how to reach them and what to do for them to help them most.

In Congress a House subcommittee has been studying the problem since last June. It admits the surface has hardly been scratched and will ask the new Congress for permission to continue its work.

No one knows how long that will take. Years, perhaps. At the end the committee hopes to draw up legislation which will do some good on a much wider scale than is being done now.

England has a law which now in war time compels industries to hire disabled people on a basis of percentage of total number of workers. We have nothing like that. And such a law in peace time seems unlikely here.

Not even the real number of people suffering from disabilities or chronic diseases is known. The figure—23 1/2 million—at the start of this story is a committee estimate based on old figures.

(It includes the blind, deaf, lame, tubercular.)

But of that total—because some are too young, some too old and many are women—not more than perhaps 10 millions disabled men and women could be considered prospects for jobs.

And even that figure is too high when you subtract that unknown number of persons totally unable to work because of chronic illness or some other cause.

Here's some of the picture from the committee's report:

"In 1943, federal agencies reported 2,500,000 physically handicapped registered for employment. Of these, it was estimated that approximately 1,500,000 required some form of rehabilitation process.

"The remaining 1 million could be placed without further training but the combined resources of federal agencies responsible for placement of workers in industry were able to place only 124,000."

This is one point the committee stresses:

"There is great need for more widespread information about the jobs the physically handicapped can do and a program of public education to remove from the minds of some employers long-standing prejudices against the employment of such persons."

The federal government is now the largest employer of disabled people. As to those who have found war-time jobs in industry. The labor department reports they have made good records, very often better than the able-bodied.

The federal government has an agency—the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation—to help disabled people fit into some kind of job which they could do if trained properly.

This agency works with the states. In every state there are vocational rehabilitation offices and staffs to train the disabled for jobs.

The office was created by federal law of 1920 to help those who were too poor to help themselves or, being able to pay, needed expert aid in getting rehabilitated.

In the first 20 years of its existence the agency rehabilitated only about 210,000 people. Through subsequent amendments it was able to expand its work. Last year it rehabilitated 44,000.

But this is a pretty small figure when placed against estimates that last year 258,000 people were permanently disabled, which is only about 8,000 more than were permanently disabled the year before.

BUT TRY TO BUY A SHIRT

SAO PAULA—(AP)—Official reports here predict a 1943-44 cotton crop of 450,000,000 kilos—a record production for Brazil, 75,000,000 kilos above last season. Indications are the crop will be even higher grade than a year ago. The prolonged drouth which worked hardship on coffee, cattle and truck farming helped the cotton.

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They face the Meuse river. Crossing it in the face of superior Allied forces, military strategists here think, would be too costly a task even for a desperate Von Rundstedt. And the Germans would have to cross the Meuse to take back any large segment of either France or Belgium.

The only thing they can try to do now is to turn rather sharply northeast from their farthest point of advancement, skirt the Meuse to the east, and drive us out of the hard-won Aachen bulge. North of the bulge, if they were able to take it, the Meuse would still hold them to their line.

Food vs. machines for Europe—as soon as the clouds clear away from this most recent German counterattack you can expect to see a shift in emphasis on the supplies we're shipping to liberated territories.

Both Jean Monnet, the French commissioner-at-large, and Richard K. Law, of England, are here to talk over supplies.

Monnet is insisting that food is necessary, because once they're running there is less danger of political upsets from busy people than from currently idle thousands.

Washington has listened so sympathetically that Monnet has already won the "un-freezing" of some French funds here for the purchase of machines, and the foreign economic administration has written out some requisitions for him to get machinery in our very tight market.

Franco rides out first finesse—those who watch Spanish affairs closely think now there will be little news about Spain until after Jan. 10, when the exiled Spanish republicans will meet in Mexico City to re-elect Martinez Barrio the president of the exiled Cortes, or Spanish Congress.

Franco, to the surprise of many, rode out the first war of nerves. The rumors that flew over the European air waves recently, saying that Franco had resigned, were believed here to be a finesse which would force Spanish military and Catholic authorities to request Franco to step down.

Barrio will probably start by solidifying a large Latin-American bloc behind his desire to re-establish a home-land republic. He already has the friendship of Mexico, Cuba, Chile, Colombia—and Russia. He's expected to swing through the rest of South America, picking up more backing, before he tackles either Washington or London to gain what he most have—recognition as the leader of a Spanish exile government.

Japs face decision—what the Japanese do in south China in the next few weeks may have a very important bearing on the course of the Pacific war.

Japan's Gen. Yasuji Okamura still has about a quarter-of-a-million troops manning his corridor which runs through south China to the Indo-China border.

He shows signs of hesitation. He is within striking distance of the main bases of American airpower in Yunnan and Szechuan provinces, but his striking power is limited by his extended supply lines. And 250 American planes have just dropped the biggest bomb load the Orient has felt on his vital supply center at Hankow through which travels every cartridge and drop of gasoline for his front line.

Okamura must now decide on risky offensive strikes. Or he must consolidate his corridor through China for a long defensive war.

The tax headache—first the first time since the war began you can look forward to a new Congress without wondering how much it's going to up your taxes.

Most of the House Ways and Means committee members are thinking only of writing a more orderly, stabilized tax program, rather than some major revenue bill that would mean more headaches on tax days.

Cheaper eggs next spring?—the Office of Price Administration is preparing to take the price ceilings off eggs in May when the big supply comes into the market. Idea is that prices will go down, more people will buy eggs and a market glut will be avoided. Price ceilings, say advocates of this move, tend to become selling prices and egg prices might not go down if ceilings were kept on. Once the surplus is gone, ceilings will be slapped right back on.

Peace-time military training when February rolls around you can get ready for a full scale House debate on the plan to give American youths compulsory military training even in peace time.

The House post-war military policy committee, headed by Representative Woodrum, Democrat, Virginia, generally favors the idea, and they also lean to making the training exclusively military. They think they'll have a draft bill ready by February. They'll turn it over to the House military affairs committee which expects to open public hearings immediately.

"Doc" may be back—some day now you may see your favorite doctor back on main street, doing business at the old stand, in civvies, instead of khaki.

The Army Medical Corps is planning a "moderate reduction" in its staff of medical officers. The strength of the medical corps is now 45,000, and since the ceiling (unannounced) is slightly lower a few doctors will be dropped, mostly the senior grade medicos who have been engaged in mainly administrative tasks.

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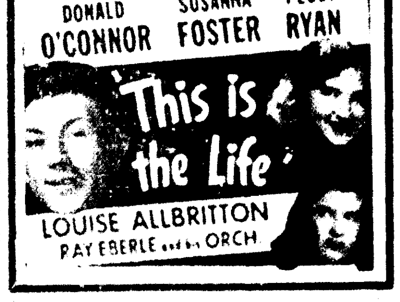

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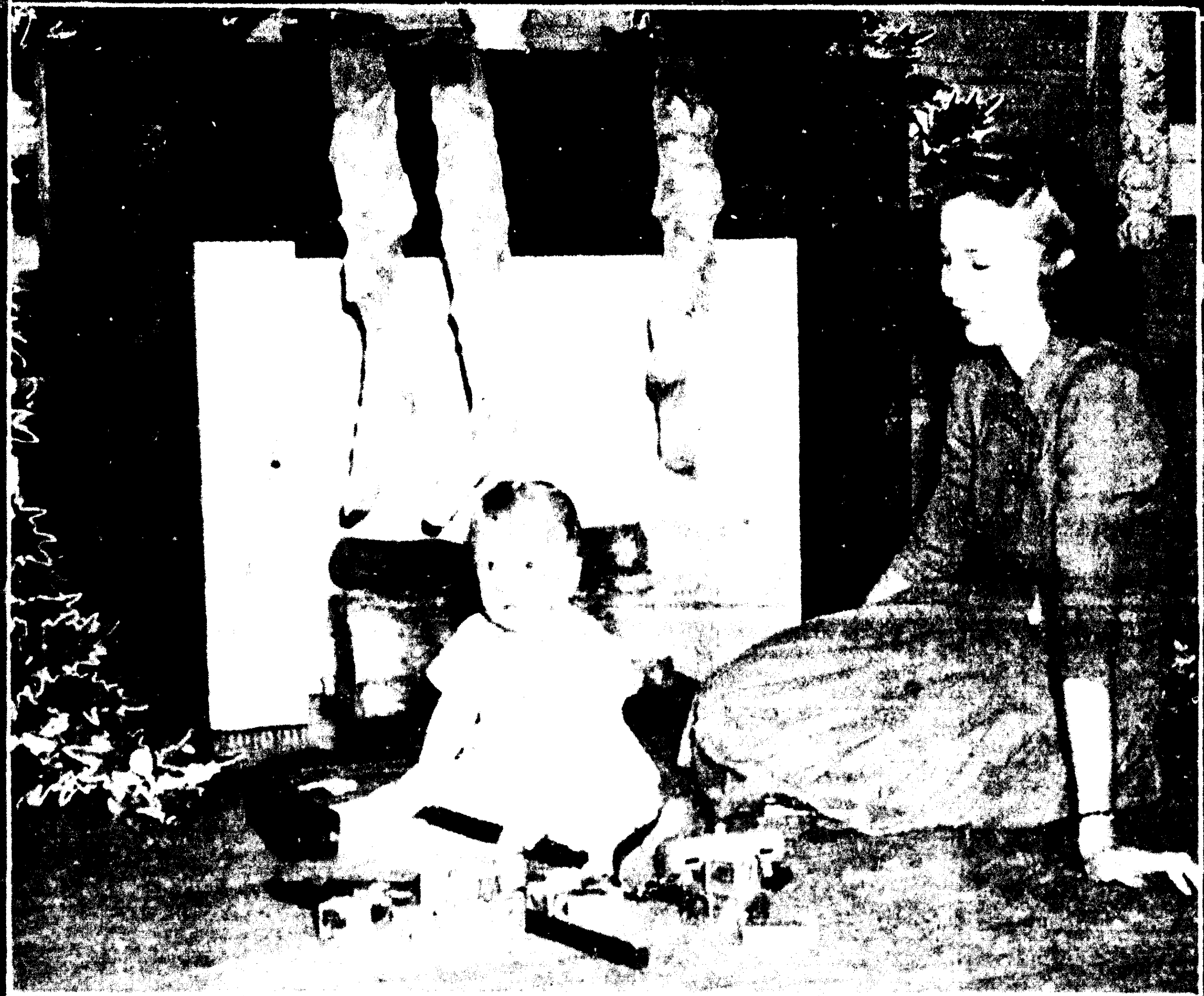

*Sometimes, especially at Christmas, it is pretty discouraging to be an adult. You must always remember with nostalgia those Christmases that never can be recaptured, those Christmases when you spent breathless hours awaiting the arrival of Santa Claus and then tingling with excitement when you caught the first glimpse of the lighted tree. Especially anxious for the arrival of Christmas are the youngsters shown with their mothers on this page today. Upper left: **Mrs. William Lyons**, wife of Captain Lyons, and their two children Page and Elizabeth. Upper right: **Mrs. William D. Fritz**, wife of Lieutenant Colonel Fritz, and their two sons, Dale and Paul Heath. Center left: **Mrs. Clinton Pace**, wife of Lieutenant Pace, and their son "Skippy." Center right: **Mrs. Howard King**, wife of Captain King, and their three children, Elizabeth, Jane, and Howard Jr. Lower left: **Mrs. J. D. Dunlap**, wife of Lieutenant Colonel Dunlap, and their two sons, Everett and James. Lower right: **Mrs. C. D. Wright**, wife of Lieutenant Colonel Wright, and their two children, Duke Jr. and Martha.*

Holy Family Is Topic Of Paper

Garden Club Members Enjoy Seasonal Talk By Their President, Mrs. Mitchell

Apropos of the Christmas season was the excellent talk delivered on "Legends of the Plants, Trees, and Flowers Contained In Sacred Writings," delivered by Mrs. Charles Mitchell, president of the Monroe Garden Club, at the December meeting in the home of Mrs. H. R. Saenger.

The festive season in all its splendor was reflected in Mrs. Saenger's home where members of the Garden Club employed all their artistry in depicting the Christmas spirit.

Mrs. Mitchell said: "At this season of the year we are reminded that there are many legends of plants, trees, and flowers associated with the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph. They are important folklore of all Christian people because of their close association with the birth, early childhood, life and death of our Lord.

"The journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem and the birth of the Infant Jesus in the stable are wonderful events known to everyone in our day. But it is the belief of many people that the manger in which the Holy Infant reposed was filled with a plant known as "Our Lady's Bedstraw." When dry this plant has the pleasing order of new mown hay." We know it is cultivation as "Baby's breath.

"It is said that on the night our Lord was born there appeared in the heavens a luminous star which lighted the pathway of the Wise Men to adore their King, and wherever the light of that radient star touched the earth there sprang forth a tiny white lily known as "Star of Bethlehem."

"An Angel of the Lord" says St. Matthew appeared in sleep to Joseph, saying: Arise and take the child and His Mother, and fly into Egypt 'And be there until I shall tell thee. For it will come to pass that Herod will seek the Child to destroy Him.

Who rising up took the Child and His mother by night and retired into Egypt.

"The Holy Family fixed their abode at Heliopolis. On entering this famous city they passed under a stately sycamore tree, which gracefully bent down its branches as an act of homage to the Son of God and concealed them. Whereon the Child stirred in His Mother's arms and smiled into her eyes, while the minions of Herod hurried by and saw them not."

This tree is so very large that seven men could hardly span its trunk. Many travellers have visited the place where it stands to the present day, in the Garden of Matarieh. Flaunting its leafy branches heavenward it seems to say:

"What seekest thou from me, the ancient of trees, oh man. I was here since the world began. Tree of the Virgin Mother" is my name and thou shalt hear the story of my fame. It was after our Savior's birth, in the early days when He walked the earth, the Holy Family fled to me that I could their protector be. I held the Christ Child in my embrace, a joy so sweet, so great, no living thing except myself has ever known nor can understand— Beneath my sheltering boughs, I saw his mother weave a tiny shirt without a seam, I heard her sing to Him. I saw the angels adore their king.

All of these things have I seen and lived to tell—The summer's sun, the winter's cold, the storms of countries have not bowed my head. When He laid His hands upon my leaves He bade me live until His will was done and guard this holy place. Since that day men have come from far and near to kneel and pray. To bless His Holy Name and kiss the sacred ground whereon their Infant Savior laid."

"The Viceroy of Egypt at the time of the inauguration of the Suez Canal presented this tree to France in accordance with the desire expressed by the Empress Eugenie, who went to see it. She had it surrounded with a railing and appointed two guardians to protect and care for it. These guardians are still paid by France. This tree is held in great veneration not only by the Christians but even by the Arabs. Natives and foreigners gather its leaves to which they attribute healing virtues."

From the beginning of the Christian era according to a popular legend, "the sharp pointed prickles on the leaves of the holly symbolize the bitter life of Christ while he was here on earth—His weariness, His fastings, and his crown of thorns. The bright red berries represent the blood he shed for mankind."

"Perhaps no plant is more closely associated with the Christmas season than the mistletoe—wood of the Sacred Cross, named by ancient monk herbalists who said the Cross of Calvary was made of mistletoe wood."

"The legend of the Glastonbury thorn is that after the crucifixion, Joseph of Arimathea, who buried Christ, then came to England bringing with him the holy grail or chalice used at the Last Supper. He landed at Glastonbury, wandering inland, sat down to rest at a spot known as Weary-all hill. Here he thrust his staff into the ground and it immediately sprouted and grew into a tree which always blooms at Christmas time.

Mrs. Mitchell stated that one of the Garden Club members, Miss Emma Louise Biedenharn was in England one Christmas and was privileged to see the tree in full bloom.

Mrs. Mitchell also related the legend of the Holy night when our Lord was born. "All creatures came to worship in Bethlehem and the trees did likewise. None of the other trees came so far as the least among them, a small spruce. It was so weary it could hardly stand, and the trees with fragrant blossoms, great trunks and leafy boughs all but obscured the drab stranger. But the stars took pity on it, and lo! a rain of them fell from Heaven, and the bright Christmas star alighted on the top of the spruce, and the rest fell on its branches. The Child in the manger saw the spruce and blessed it with a smile."

Down through the ages the poetry and romance associated with the legends of plants, trees, and flowers contained in the sacred writings have appealed to men. Even as our Lord and Savior in his last agonizing hours retired to the Garden of Gethsemane so can man find strength and courage to face a troubled world today in the restful peace and solitude of a quiet garden.

Toys Donated By Reader's Clique

There was considerable flurry and excitement at the regular meeting of the Reader's Clique on Thursday, Dec. 21, at the home of Mrs. Skeeter Morgan of Forsythe street. The renovated toys were finally assembled and on display for the members at the Morgan home. This was one of the projects of the club and its completion was timely.

The dolls were dressed in lovely clothes, the stuffed animals were clean and bright with new ribbons on them and in perfect condition. There was toy furniture newly painted, games, cut-out dolls and even some things for tiny infants. The boxed toys were wrapped in festive wrappings by the members and tagged as to contents.

Mrs. Raymond John, president, had obtained a list of names of children and their ages from the charity hospital. The members wrote the names and ages on tags and tied them on to toys that were appropriate for each child on the list. This unusual program was immensely enjoyed by all members.

A committee was selected to take the toys to the charity hospital on Friday morning, December 22, and distribute them among the children and to parents who were hospitalized and had children at home.

During the meeting the corresponding secretary read a note that was received from the past president, Mrs. Henry Loeb Jr., who is now residing in Texas. She asked many questions about the different members and so the club decided to write her a round-robin letter. Every member contributed something to the letter before the meeting was adjourned. Clever caricatures were added to make it more amusing.

After the work on the tagging and wrapping was completed delightful refreshments were served to the following members:

Mrs. Stanley Archibald, Mrs. Joe Bennett, Mrs. Ed Crowley, Mrs. Alvin Furlow, Mrs. Sidney Gill, Mrs. Walker Glenn, Mrs. Burl Hollis, Mrs. Raymond John, Mrs. Ivy Jordan, Mrs. Oliver Lowery, Mrs. Jack Masur, Mrs. Skeeter Morgan, Mrs. Fred Parrish, Mrs. Louis Peters, Mrs. Walter Ryland Jr., Mrs. James Harris.

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Christmas carols were sung in traditional manner by members of the Fine Arts Club when they met at the Frances Hotel for their annual Christmas banquet. The dinner table in the Butterfly room was brightly illuminated with myriad crimson tapers burning in the midst of holly, Nandina berries and crimson poinsettias forming an oblong plaque for the central decor.

Miss Eleona Brinsmade with characteristic graciousness presided as toast mistress. She introduced Miss Sarah Helen Word who read in dramatic manner, Masefield's "The Great Guest Comes." Following the serving of dinner a treasure hunt was introduced and resulted in the exchanging of gifts.

Those in attendance were:

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Stern, Mr. Lowery Jefferson, Miss Louise Moor, Miss Juanita Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thatcher, Mr. Paul Newman, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Lawson, Miss Eleona Brinsmade, Mr. and Mrs. Barlow Inabet, Mr. Leon Hammonds, Miss Mary Bergevin, Sgt. and Mrs. Lorenzo Smith, Miss Ladelle Duke, Mrs. Thelma Durbin, Mrs. Nell Grigsby, Mr. Jo Craig, Mrs. Taunton Veasy, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Coon, Miss Mae Read, Miss Sarah Helen Word, Mrs. Geraldine Carroll, Miss Carrie Mae Stepherson, Lt. Sebastin Martorana, Mrs. Maud Mayo, Sgt. Loyd Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Serwich, Miss Lola Mae Hurst, Sgt. Stanley Dunk.

The sincere interest to friends in the Twin cities is the following announcement:

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Lee Lucky announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Marjorie Ruth, to Everett Heller, corporal, United States army air corps, on December 26, at 7 o'clock in the evening at the First Methodist Church, Monroe, La., with Dr. A. M. Serex officiating.

The bride is a graduate of Ouachita Parish High School and Northeast Junior College and is an employe of F. Strauss and Son.

Corporal Heller, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Heller of Hartford, Conn., is a graduate of Bulkeley High School and attended Hillyer Junior College in Hartford, Conn. He was formerly employed in the accounting and statistical division of Connecticut state highway department. Corporal Heller is stationed at Selman Field.

Formal invitations have not been issued. Friends are invited through this medium.

An informal reception will be held at the home of Mrs. Jewel McQuiller following the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Ramsey of Jonesboro, La., announce the marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth, to Lt. Lowell A. Bunnell, son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Bunnell of Middleport, N. Y.

The wedding was quietly solemnized in the north chapel, Topeka army air field, Topeka, Kan., on the afternoon of December 6th at 4:30 o'clock with the chaplain, Capt. Elmer L. Patterson, officiating.

The bride was given in marriage by Lt. Charles W. Higgens of Coatesville, Pa. Lt. Robert E. Sheldon of Staten Island, N. Y., served as the groom's attendant.

Mrs. Bunnell received her education at Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, Ruston, La., and is now a member of the Gilbert High School faculty, Gilbert, La.

Lieutenant Bunnell received his education at Alfred University, Alfred, N. Y., before entering the army January, 1943.

Personals

Friends of Miss Betty Cargile, former resident of this city where she attended Neville High School, will be interested in news of her career as a singer. She has been making her home for the past year in Hollywood and is now appearing as soloist with Jack Benny's Orchestra. The band will appear at Palm Isle, Longview, Tex., Saturday night. Miss Cargile was joined in Longview by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cargile of this city.

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Capt. W. H. McSherry is spending Christmas in Washington, where he joined Mrs. McSherry in the home of Lt. and Mrs. Travis Oliver Jr., who reside in Chevy Chase. Mrs. McSherry is the former Miss Sara Cole Morrison.

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Miss Ouida Welch, student at L. S. U. is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Welch.

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Quartermaster Raymond Sackett has returned from 20 months service in the southwest Pacific and is enjoying the holidays in this city with his mother, Mrs. J. R. Pope and Mr. Pope and his brother and sister, Richard Sackett and Miss Barbara Sackett.

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Miss Martha Clayton Kilpatrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Kilpatrick, is home from the University of Texas for the holidays.

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Miss Rachael Matzner of Meridian, Miss., will be the holiday guest of her sister, Mrs. Morris Haas and Mr. Haas.

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Miss Arabella Bancroft, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Bancroft, St. John's drive is home for the holidays from Hackabay school in Dallas, Tex. Miss Bancroft was a guest at Miss Hackabay's formal dinner party on December 18.

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Mrs. O. L. Ash entertained with an informal dinner party complimentary to her sister, Miss Virginia Vaughan before she left for Washington, D. C., to become the bride of Lt. Landon Miles. Mrs. Ash presented her sister with a gift of sterling silver.

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Mrs. A. L. Smith will entertain her sons and daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren at dinner on Christmas day as customary each year. There will be several empty seats this year as several of Mrs. Smith's grandsons are in the armed forces and will be unable to join the family group. Those in attendance will be: Mr. and Mrs. D. Y. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Gregg and son, Jerry Gregg, Mr. and Mrs. Melville Dixon, and two sons, Joseph and Melville Dixon Jr., Mr. and Mrs. John Bishop Johnston Jr., and three children. Mrs. John Bishop Johnston Sr., will also be present.

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Interesting announcement cards have just been received as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. George Morgan Willis
announce the marriage of their
daughter
Vannie Pearl
to
Lieutenant Leon Thomas Apgar
U. S. Navy
on Friday, the twenty-fourth of
November
Nineteen hundred and forty-four
New Orleans, Louisiana
At Home
Five fifteen S. Barrancas Ave.
Warrington, Florida.

Miss Satchie Naiden, student at the University of Texas and Miss Charlotte Naiden, student at Ward Belmont preparatory school are enjoying the holidays with their mother, Mrs. Earl Naiden.

St. Joseph

The annual Xmas party of the Tensas Garden Club was a pleasant event of the holidays and was enjoyed by members of the club and their guests. Mrs. Niccolena Bruno and Mrs Maury Stanton were co-hostesses. Mrs. Thomas Lay of Gilliam, La., conducted the program and the flower arrangements were by Mrs. Jack Castle and Mrs. Lucille Watson. The party gathered in the auditorium, where the program was given. The auditorium at the community house was brightened for the occasion with a Xmas theme of red and green. Flower baskets holding sprays of holly, nandina and evergreens were placed on either side of the entrance. Mrs. Thomas Lay assisted by Mrs. C. A. Loyd with Mrs. Willis Ducrest as accompanist, presented a musical program, which included Xmas carols and popular songs. A miniature Xmas tree and a colored slide illustrating the songs were highlights of the program. Amusing games and contests followed and when concluded, the party adjourned to the club room. The club room was very pretty, with the Xmas colors of red and green carried out in the decorations and a miniature Xmas tree. The mantel was banked with holly, nandina and evergreens. On the president's table was placed a vase holding holly, nandina and evergreens. The pretty Xmas tree gleaming with lights, stood on the coffee table, surrounded with gaily wrapped gifts. After all the gifts had been distributed and unwrapped, the hostesses served a delicious plate luncheon to 35. Besides Mrs. Thomas Lay, the guests included Mrs. Edward Boyle, Mrs. Holliman Cook, Mrs. Willis Ducrest, Mrs. Willie Hudnall, Mrs. H. F. Vinson and Miss Marion Curry, all of St. Joseph, Mrs. J. T. Means of Ida, Mrs. Paul Pearman of Haynesville, La., and Mrs. J. B. Rose of Summerall, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. Curry MacPherson of Lake Charles, La., are guests of friends in St. Joseph for the week-end and Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. S. Stiles of Crowley, La., are visiting Mrs. Stiles' sisters, Misses Ethel and Lucille Reiber for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Guice are visiting their daughter, Miss Ada Guice, for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Lucille Watson is a guest of her brother, Mr. William Vick Cook of Lima, Peru, in New Orleans. After leaving New Orleans, Mr. Cook will accompany Mrs. Watson to St. Joseph and spend the Christmas holidays at "Cross Keys," Mrs. Watson's plantation home. This is Mr. Cook's first visit in a number of years, to his former home and is a source of much pleasure to a large circle of relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cassil are visiting relatives near Greenville, Miss., for the Christmas holidays.

MONROE GIRL WEDS IN WASHINGTON

Mrs. Oscar Landon Miles the third, whose marriage took place at historic St. John's Church in Washington, D. C. She is the former Miss Virginia Anita Vaughan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard Lawson Vaughan of this city.

Confidentially

Reunion at Christmas, one of the most cherished traditions of the human race is taking place today in millions of homes. Separated this year because of the war, the renuion is doubly sweet. In other homes there will be remembrances of the absent, beloved members of the families serving in London, Iceland, New Delhi, Algiers, Guadalcanal, Chungking, and other remote places.

At Christmas, more than any other time of the year, the heart reaches out toward home and loved ones. The longing to see familiar faces and the scene is an overwhelming nostalgia. In broken homes, in jungle mazes, on desert sands and stormy seas, Christmas will be celebrated this year in eloquent meditation and prayer, mere merrymaking or gift giving is not the way to gather courage, it is gained through prayer alone.

Last Christmas eve a boy wrote home: "It is strange not to be hearing dad's voice reading Washington Irving, and watching Mom out of the corner of my eye, and smiling when the familiar and favorite parts come. But I can see everything clearly—the fire in the corner, the red candles in the windows and on the tables and, after reading is done, church at the top of the night."

Like a thousand others this boy let his imagination wander on Christmas eve, from a place of war to a house of peace, to a midnight church service, to a book—a story book. It is just as natural to turn one's thought to home on Christmas eve as it is to breathe.

In Monroe homes where families are being renuited there is happiness today. In the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. P. Gray, for instance, where their son, Lt. Col. C. P. Gray Jr., arrived from California with his wife and two children just in time for Christmas. They are en route to Rochester, Minn., where Lieutenant Colonel Gray will be engaged in special work at the Mayo Clinic.

Mrs. T. T. Webb is rejoicing over the arrival of her grandson, A/C David Walke from Gardner Field, Calif., where he is in training. He arrived in Monroe on Friday via air ways and was met by his mother, Mrs. Nellie Webb Walke of Shreveport, formerly of this city. An article appearing in the Stroller column of the Shreveport Times will be read with interest by friends in this city:

A/C David Walke, son of Mrs. Frank Walke, 611 Linden, is hobnobbing with the stars these days—and we do not mean those heavenly bodies seen in the sky every night. Cadet Walke, in training at Garden Field, Calif., is a frequent guest in the Temple home now that he has become acquainted with the famous daughter of the household, Shirley Temple herself. Though David is flying to Shreveport on December 22 to spend the holidays with his family here and his grandmother, Mrs. T. T. Webb and his aunt, Mrs. Kenneth Elliott of Monroe, he plans to return to Hollywood in time to join the gala New Year's eve party at Shirley Temple's home. Cadet Walke will receive his wings in March.

In the home of Mrs. J. D. McGee of West Monroe a family reunion is taking place today. Her son, Capt. Donald W. McGee arrived today from Newport, Ark., and her daughter, Mrs. Travis Brown arrived last week from Maracaibo, Venezuela. Mrs. Brown tells in interesting manner of life in Venezuela, land of orchids and other exotic flowers. She tells of attending an orchid exhibit in Caracas where 100 different varieties were shown. On one plant alone there were more than 200 blossoms. The colors range from white to mauve and from orchid to deepest purple. Other varities are of yellow and still others of green. Last year Mrs. Brown sent a box of orchids to her mother via air mail . . . they arrived in perfect condition. Mrs. Brown's journey home via air ways was most interesting. The trip was slightly delayed as she was forced to obtain a visa before entering Mexico. Short stops were made in Panama and Meredia, Mexico.

That gallant company of young Greek letter men, members of Delta Sigma Fraternity will start the Christmas festivities rolling in a blaze of glory Tuesday night when they will be hosts to the younger set at a dancing party at their fraternity house on Cole Island. Several dinner parties will be given before the ball and intermission parties will add pleasure to the evening's festivities. Fraternity members and their "dates" will attend the intermission party in the home of Dr. and Mrs. P. L. Perot. Hosts will be Phanor Perot Jr., and Monty Frazier.

Cheerful fires will burn on the wide hearths at Mr. and Mrs. Harold Woods' country home on Christmas day with a company of 25 or more gathered around the festive board for dinner. In addition to Mr. and Mrs. Woods and their interesting little family, comprising three sons, they will have as their guests, Dr. and Mrs. Henry Guerriero and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sandridge and son, Thomas Sandridge Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dryburgh, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Noe and family, Mrs. James A. Noe Jr., Linda Noe and Mrs. Gordon McLendon and daughter, Jan.

Lonewa, hospitable plantation home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hunter Thatcher will reflect some of the former glory of the old South during the Christmas season. A reunion will bring all members of their family together at this plantation where in times past dusky servitors were awaiting to say "Christmas Gift!" It was the custom for all plantation hands to gather at the "Big House" and call out "Christmus Gif!" Not only at Lonewa did old family servants scurry around on Christmas day looking after the welfare of guests, replenishing fires on the open hearths and gather camellias from the garden for the dinner table decoration, but in all other plantation homes where life was enjoyed on a spacious scale.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM ENJOYED BY THE WELCOME BRANCH BOOK CLUB MEMBERS

Carols were sung by members of the Welcome Branch Book Club when they met in the home of Mrs. T. H. Scott for their annual Christmas program with Mrs. A. E. Loyd and Mrs. M. R. Hausherr, co-hostesses.

Mrs. J. Norman Coon presented as a special feature on the program a group of readings appropriate to the Christmas season. They included an anonymous Christmas poem, "Three Stockings," an excerpt from the book "Mrs. Minniver" by Jan Struther, "The Gift of the Magi" a short story by O. Henry, and a poem "Just Before Christmas" by Eugene Field.

Mrs. Fred Hornberger read the Christmas story as recorded in the second chapter of St. Luke, verses one to twenty.

Mrs. J. N. Coon led the group in the singing of two favorite carols, "Oh Come All Ye Faithful" and "Silent Night." Miss Ann Braun accompanied the singing on the glockenspiel.

Mrs. C. E. Koonce announced that the sale of two one-thousand dollar bonds has been credited to the club.

Mrs. L. V. Tarver read to the club the message of Mrs. A. D. Tisdale, president of Louisiana Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Tisdale urged club women to study carefully the six main points of the Dumbarton Oaks proposals and two points in connection with the use of force to keep peace. "World peace is unfinished business and will continue to be," stated Mrs. Tisdale in her message. "To that unfinished business we women must bring our crusading spirit, our crusading techniques. . . Let us help pull those strings into action that will harness the moral and material forces and resources of our nation into its rightful role of participation in a world that has faith in an international organization to preserve and maintain peace, and means to achieve it."

Mrs. A. R. Doughty, club president, announced that a sum of money had been donated by the club for the purchase of Christmas gifts for three children, placed in foster homes by the local child welfare organization under the supervision of Miss Jean Bonham.

Gifts were exchanged under the supervision of Mrs. O. R. Bridges. Refreshments were served to the following members: Mrs. O. R. Bridges, Mrs. H. V. Collins, Mrs. J. Norman Coon, Mrs. A. M. Culpepper, Mrs. F. W. Dawson, Mrs. A. R. Doughty, Mrs. J. T. Eubank, Mrs. V. S. Garnett, Mrs. E. C. Gibson, Mrs. M. R. Hausherr, Mrs. J. G. Hicks, Mrs. G. D. Holland, Mrs. Fred Hornberger, Mrs. C. E. Koonce, Mrs. E. E. Lowson, Mrs. A. E. Loyd, Mrs. Harry Moore, Mrs. J. N. Reddle, Mrs. W. E. Sandel, Mrs. T. H. Scott, Mrs. T. C. Starnes, Mrs. Zell Smith, Mrs. L. V. Tarver, Mrs. J. R. White, Mrs. L. S. Whitson and Mrs. Paul T. Wright. Guests included Mrs. C. M. Koontz and Mrs. Cora Holloway.

Lake Providence

Gerald Lee Brown's birthday was celebrated with a stag party, with delightful refreshments and a picture show. Entertaining at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Strozier, the boy's present to enjoy the occasion were Regenold Minsky, Bubber Minsky, John Russell Davis, Wayne Trischmann, Dickie Dalfiume, Loyd Rainer Walters, Ted Schneider III, Paul Zimmer, and Parker Parra.

Announcements have been received by friends of Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Howard, Crystal Springs, Miss., of the arrival of a son, George Daley Howard, Monday, November 20.

A daughter, Zelma Mae Bradford, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bradford, Wednesday, November 22.

In a spirit of fellowship the Girl Scouts entertained the Boy Scouts at a spaghetti supper at the Municipal auditorium. Scout leader, Mrs. Marian Herzog, was in charge of all arrangements and Laverne Davis served as toast mistress. The table, arranged by the members, was lovely in white cloth, centered with sprays of vari hued chrysanthemums. The place cards, handiwork of Miss Annie Kathryn Moore, were Pilgrim boys and girls held in place by being based in gum drops. Mrs. J. P. Davis, member of the council, returned thanks, after which Laverne Davis welcomed the Boy Scouts and the guests. Mrs. Sue Abernethy contributed to the pleasure of the evening by accompanying for assembly singing. Mrs. H. T. Van Fossen's contribution were witticisms, and Mary Belle McCain gave pleasure with several accordion numbers. Roland Marcus spoke for the Boy Scouts in saying what a pleasant evening they had all had.

Mrs. Grady Lightfoot went to Lincoln, Neb., for a farewell visit with her son, Lt. Grady Gibbs Lightfoot, navigator in the army air corps. After Lieutenant Lightfoot's departure for the port of embarkation his wife and mother motored to New Orleans, where the wife will make her home until her husband's return.

Mrs. John Nelson and Mrs. Roy Baggett motored to Mobile, Mrs. Nelson to visit her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Nelson and daughter, Miss Myrtle Nelson. Mrs. Baggett for an indefinite stay in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam H. Houston Jr. to nurse Mrs. S. H. Houston Sr.

Historic Church Scene Of Weddin

Monroe Couple United In Marriage At St. Joh Church In Washington, D. C.

Historic St. John's Church, Lafayette Square, Washin ton, D. C., where many presidents of the United States w worshippers and occupied the president's pew, was the sc of a war-time wedding when Miss Virginia Anita Vaugh daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lawson Vaughan beca the bride of Lt. Oscar Landon Miles the third, son of M Gladys Miles of this city, on December the ninth at f o'clock in the afternoon.

Cathedral tapers flamed high and white chrysanthemums banked the dim recesses of the altar where Rev. Howard A. Johnson, rector of St. John's, awaited the bride who was given in marriage by her uncle, William A. White Jr., of New York City.

The bride was preceded to the altar by her matron of honor, Mrs. D. A. Bowerman who wore a smart black crepe model fashioned with a deep yoke of pink sequins. She wore a shocking pink feather hat and a corsage of gardenias.

The bridegroom was attended by a fellow officer, Lt. Norman Molyneaux of Los Angeles, Calif., who spent two years with him in the Pacific and returned home with him.

The bride wore a lovely aqua blue model of charming simplicity. The bodice was fashioned with a deep yoke of Alencon lace. She wore a corsage of orchids.

Mrs. Vaughan and Mrs. Miles, mothers of the bride and bridegroom, present for the ceremony, wore black crepe models with corsages of white carnations.

Following the ceremony the rector, in accordance with tradition, presented the bride and bridegroom with the white leather bound prayer book from which the ceremony was read.

Mrs. Vaughan and William A. White Jr. entertained the wedding party at dinner at the Willard Hotel following the ceremony. The night before the wedding Lieutenant Molyneaux was host at a dinner party at the Shoreham Hotel. Members of the wedding party and relatives attending the wedding were in attendance.

The bride is a graduate of Neville High School and of Northeast Junior College of Monroe. She has resided with her parents in Monroe for the past four years. She was secretary to the division agent of the Illinois Central Railroad prior to resigning to be married.

Lieutenant Miles is a graduate of Neville High School and of Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, Ruston, La. He was associated with the engineering firm of Ford, Bacon & Davis prior to entering the U. S. navy. He received his training at Dartmouth College, has served as commander of LCI 226 years in the southwest Pacific.

After a honeymoon in Washin and New York the young couple be at Solomons, Md., where Lieu ant Miles is in training. Shortly the first of the year they will Portland, Ore., where Lieute Miles will be stationed for the being.

Out-of-town guests were Capt. Mrs. William Trimble of Monroe, stationed in Washington, Mr. Vi Morgan Miles, Washington, D. C. Mrs. Harry Baumgardner of Ar ton, Va., cousins of the groom; Eva Pauline White of Jamaica, Mr. and Mrs. William A. White J New York City, Capt. A. L. Ben ton and Com. Thurmon Chatha Washington, D. C., Lt. and Mrs. D Bowerman.

Society Calendar

Sunday—December 24

Presbyterian Church choir will sent a Christmas cantata at the chu 5 p. m. Public is invited.

Midnight service at First Metho Church. Carol singing, 11:30 p. m

Tuesday

Special installation service at sonic Temple for Dixie chapter 17 E. S. Public is invited, 7:30 p. m.

Delta Sigma annual Christmas at the fraternity house, 10 p. m.

Phanor Perot Jr., and Monty Fr will entertain with an intermis party at the Perot home on avenue during the Delta Sigma ternity Christmas ball.

Circles of the Woman's Societ Christian Service of Stone Av Methodist Church will meet at church at 2:30 p. m.

Wednesday

The YoWoCa Business Girls' will meet in the home of Mrs. W Veazey, 1425 Forsythe Ave., at 6: m. Officers for next year wil elected.

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WITH GREAT DEPTH OF FEELING AND SINCERITY SAM RUBIN and his entire personnel at the R AND A JEWELRY SHOP wishes every patron whom they served during the past twelve months a "MERRY CHRISTMAS." These are not idle words by any means. Mr. Rubin is deeply appreciative of the confidence the Monroe public and surrounding community has placed in him. This confidence was portrayed in the public's unprecedented demand for the rare and precious pieces of jewelry the R AND A is famed for. The New Year finds the R AND A prepared to face another year of faithful service. Already Mr. Rubin is replenishing his stock preparatory to the constant demand for the unusual and the beautiful.

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MAT HIRSCH AND ROWENA ARANT are going to let the beautiful flowers they are sending forth today say "MERRY CHRISTMAS" for them. The gorgeous poinsettias and other potted plants associated with THE FLOWER SHOPPE at this time will express for them the appreciation for the wonderful way the public has sought them out during the past year. It has been a privilege to supply the beautiful corsages all the young and lovelies will be wearing during the holidays and to send their flowers into homes where hearts are heavy. THE FLOWER SHOPPE expresses the age-old wish for a MERRY CHRISTMAS to each and every one.

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MARIE WAMSLEY DESIRES TO WISH every patron of her BEAUTY SALON not only a "MERRY CHRISTMAS" but one overflowing with peace and happiness. She has played an important part in placing many women on the road to beauty during the past twelve months and desires to thank them for the privilege. MRS. WAMSLEY feels confident that the treatments received in her SALON will go a long, long way in making women happy throughout the Yuletide . . . To all those lovely femmes who placed themselves in her hands during the months that have passed Mrs. Wamsley wishes not only a "MERRY CHRISTMAS" but a bright and happy "NEW YEAR."

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NOW THAT A NEW LIGHT is dawning on the world . . . when once again there may be gaiety at Christmas time the STANDARD OFFICE AND SUPPLY COMPANY feels that the words, "MERRY CHRISTMAS" can be spoken with all sincerity. Another year is dawning and the STANDARD OFFICE AND SUPPLY CO. feels deeply grateful for being enabled to supply their discriminating clientele with the merchandise desired. Just for the privilege of serving and supplying the needs of the public the management of the STANDARD OFFICE AND SUPPLY CO. feels like joining in the loud chorus shouting the words, "MERRY CHRISTMAS."

IN EVERY HOME WHERE CHILDREN are awaiting the arrival of Santa Claus tonight SHERWIN-WILLIAMS wishes peace and happiness to descend. This shop where Monroe men and women found so many gifts for children and for their friends and family, will continue to serve through the months ahead . . . the same spirit of friendliness the public has learned to associate with this shop will continue but today while the whole world pauses to observe the anniversary of the greatest event in all Christendom SHERWIN-WILLIAMS expresses a heart-felt desire for all their patrons to enjoy a "MERRY CHRISTMAS."

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THE CITY BAKERY MANAGEMENT is experiencing a glow of satisfaction today in the realization that they have assisted in making Christmas merry in homes where the holiday sweets have been supplied by them. However they would like to send a personal message today to each valued patron. It is a message of "Peace on Earth Good Will to Men." It isn't just a "MERRY CHRISTMAS" the City Bakery wishes their patrons but merry days to come when all the boys will come marching home again. In the meantime the CITY BAKERY intends to take care of tomorrow's citizens . . . the children . . . by continuing to supply them with the nutritious, wholesome baked goods they have made famous.

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THE FERD LEVI SHOP MADE IT POSSIBLE for a vast number of people to enjoy a MERRY CHRISTMAS and happiness during the year ahead by supplying them with books as Christmas gifts. The books from the shelves of the FERD LEVI SHOP will open up words to brighten the dark days ahead. Books from this shop have flowed by the dozens to men and women in service . . . in the Guinea camp, the Indian compong, the French barracks or the rolling bunk. It is still possible with a good book to discover the full delight once known in the quiet of the parlor or the muted school library. To all those who are reading books from this shop a wish goes forth for a "MERRY CHRISTMAS."

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IRA PHILLIPS, MANAGER OF THE JOY THEATER, extends a heartfelt wish to all his patrons for a "MERRY CHRISTMAS." He feels that he will be instrumental in making their holidays and all the days ahead, much happier by supplying them with the best pictures in all filmdom. The response of the public during the past few months has been most flattering and for this gesture Mr. Phillips feels highly rewarded for the increased expenditure. The amusement you are seeking today and tomorrow, following the Christmas feast, awaits you at the JOY. It is that scintillating, spectacular, musical, "LOST IN A HAREM." T comedy is really side-splitting. you want a good laugh don't mi it.

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HARRY STOUGH IS GOING T MAKE THE CASCADE the me riest, jolliest spot in all Monr during the holidays, just as it h been for the past twelve mont He hopes to extend each patr a personal greeting and wish th not only a "MERRY CHRISTMA but a very "HAPPY NEW YEA His aim in life is to make t CASCADE a meeting place f those who want to drive dull ca away. He has succeeded beautif ly, as shown in the gay crow meeting nightly at this popu night spot. Christmas cheer no awaits all who enter the CA CADE.

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AFTER THE TINSEL IS TAR ISHED and all the feasting is ov the THREEWAY FINANCE CO PANY still remains your very b friend. Those who dance must p the piper . . . it will be a pleasu to pay when the money is so eas obtainable. In fact those who lo to the THREEWAY FINAN COMPANY in time of difficu find all their days as merry Christmas bells. Don't let t thought of facing Christmas b put furrows in your brows tod . . . the THREEWAY FINAN COMPANY will assist you over t danger spots. These good frien of yours are wishing you "MERRY CHRISTMAS."

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IT IS CUSTOMARY, as the y draws to an end, to take stock a to plan for the future. M MOORE OF MOORE'S TAILO ING SHOP faces the new y with great confidence in Monr future . . . he sees happier d ahead and a return of the old f ily way of life. If, during the p year he has made feminine he happier by supplying the sp brand of garments they now mand, he feels that he has prof much. To femmes who are off a holiday jaunt, confident of be well groomed, in their impecca tailored suit from his shop, wishes a "MERRY CHRISTMA

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THEMANAGER OF SEARS A ROEBUCK wishes every wo in this community a "MER CHRISTMAS." However, it g without saying that every wo who has had her figure probl solved in the corset departm on the balcony at SEARS A ROEBUCK will be happier, only during the holidays, but all time to come. The corset at SEARS AND ROEBUCK, tells at a glance what kind o foundation is necessary has tainly been a friend to the wo of this community. She has fit them with one of those magic ure molding garments and them on their way rejoicing. private fitting rooms on the b cony are something to consider.

Holy Family Is Topic Of Paper

Garden Club Members Enjoy Seasonal Talk By Their President, Mrs. Mitchell

Apropos of the Christmas season was the excellent talk delivered on "Legends of the Plants, Trees, and Flowers Contained In Sacred Writings," delivered by Mrs. Charles Mitchell, president of the Monroe Garden Club, at the December meeting in the home of Mrs. H. R. Saenger.

The festive season in all its splendor was reflected in Mrs. Saenger's home where members of the Garden Club employed all their artistry in depicting the Christmas spirit.

Mrs. Mitchell said: "At this season of the year we are reminded that there are many legends of plants, trees, and flowers associated with the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph. They are important folklore of all Christian people because of their close association with the birth, early childhood, life and death of our Lord.

"The journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem and the birth of the Infant Jesus in the stable are wonderful events known to everyone in our day. But it is the belief of many people that the manger in which the Holy Infant reposed was filled with a plant known as "Our Lady's Bedstraw." When dry this plant has the pleasing ordor of new mown hay." We know it is cultivation as "Baby's breath.

"It is said that on the night our Lord was born there appeared in the heavens a luminous star which lighted the pathway of the Wise Men to adore their King, and wherever the light of that radient star touched the earth there sprang forth a tiny white lily known as "Star of Bethlehem."

"An Angel of the Lord" says St. Matthew appeared in sleep to Joseph, saying: Arise and take the child and His Mother, and fly into Egypt 'And be there until I shall tell thee. For it will come to pass that Herod will seek the Child to destroy Him.

Who rising up took the Child and His mother by night and retired into Egypt.

"The Holy Family fixed their abode at Heliopolis. On entering this famous city they passed under a stately sycamore tree, which gracefully bent down its branches as an act of homage to the Son of God and concealed them. Whereon the Child stirred in His Mother's arms and smiled into her eyes, while the minions of Herod hurried by and saw them not."

This tree is so very large that seven men could hardly span its trunk. Many travellers have visited the place where it stands to the present day, in the Garden of Matarieh. Flaunting its leafy branches heavenward it seems to say:

"What seekest thou from me, the ancient of trees, oh man. I was here since the world began. Tree of the Virgin Mother" is my name and thou shalt hear the story of my fame. It was after our Savior's birth, in the early days when He walked the earth, the Holy Family fled to me that I could their protector be. I held the Christ Child in my embrace, a joy so sweet, so great, no living thing except myself has ever known nor can understand—Beneath my sheltering boughs, I saw his mother weave a tiny shirt without a seam. I heard her sing to Him. I saw the angels adore their king.

All of these things have I seen and lived to tell—The summer's sun, the winter's cold, the storms of countries have not bowed my head. When He laid His hands upon my leaves He bade me live until His will was done and guard this holy place. Since that day men have come from far and near to kneel and pray. To bless His Holy Name and kiss the sacred ground whereon their Infant Savior laid."

"The Viceroy of Egypt at the time of the inauguration of the Suez Canal presented this tree to France in accordance with the desire expressed by the Empress Eugenie, who went to see it. She had it surrounded with a railing and appointed two guardians to protect and care for it. These guardians are still paid by France. This tree is held in great veneration not only by the Christians but even by the Arabs. Natives and foreigners gather its leaves to which they attribute healing virtues."

From the beginning of the Christian era according to a popular legend "the sharp pointed prickles on the leaves of the holly symbolize the bitter life of Christ while he was here on earth—His weariness, His fastings, and his crown of thorns. The bright red berries represent the blood he shed for mankind."

"Perhaps no plant is more closely associated with the Christmas season than the mistletoe—wood of the Sacred Cross, named by ancient monk herbalists who said the Cross of Calvary was made of mistletoe wood."

"The legend of the Glastonbury thorn is that after the crucifixion, Joseph of Arimathea, who buried Christ, then came to England bringing with him the holy grail or chalice used at the Last Supper. He landed at Glastonbury, wandering inland, sat down to rest at a spot known as Weary-all hill. Here he thrust his staff into the ground and it immediately sprouted and grew into a tree which always blooms at Christmas time.

Mrs. Mitchell stated that one of the Garden Club members, Miss Emma Louise Biedenharn was in England one Christmas and was privileged to see the tree in full bloom.

Mrs. Mitchell also related the legend of the Holy night when our Lord was born. "All creatures came to worship in Bethlehem and the trees did likewise. None of the other trees came so far as the least among them, a small spruce. It was so weary it could hardly stand, and the trees with fragrant blossoms, great trunks and leafy boughs all but obscured the drab stranger. But the stars took pity on it, and lo! a rain of them fell from Heaven, and the bright Christmas star alighted on the top of the spruce, and the rest fell on its branches. The Child in the manger saw the spruce and blessed it with a smile."

Down through the ages the poetry and romance associated with the legends of plants, trees, and flowers contained in the sacred writings have appealed to men. Even as our Lord and Savior in his last agonizing hours retired to the Garden of Gethsemane so can man find strength and courage to face a troubled world today in the restful peace and solitude of a quiet garden.

Toys Donated By Reader's Clique

There was considerable flurry and excitement at the regular meeting of the Reader's Clique on Thursday, Dec. 21, at the home of Mrs. Skeeter Morgan of Forsythe street. The renovated toys were finally assembled and on display for the members at the Morgan home. This was one of the projects of the club and its completion was timely.

The dolls were dressed in lovely clothes, the stuffed animals were clean and bright with new ribbons on them and in perfect condition. There was toy furniture newly painted, games, cut-out dolls and even some things for tiny infants. The boxed toys were wrapped in festive wrappings by the members and tagged as to contents.

Mrs. Raymond John, president, had obtained a list of names of children and their ages from the charity hospital. The members wrote the names and ages on tags and tied them on to toys that were appropriate for each child on the list. This unusual program was immensely enjoyed by all members.

A committee was selected to take the toys to the charity hospital on Friday morning, December 22, and distribute them among the children and to parents who were hospitalized and had children at home.

During the meeting the corresponding secretary read a note that was received from the past president, Mrs. Henry Loeb Jr., who is now residing in Texas. She asked many questions about the different members and so the club decided to write her a round-robin letter. Every member contributed something to the letter before the meeting was adjourned. Clever caricatures were added to make it more amusing.

After the work on the tagging and wrapping was completed delightful refreshments were served to the following members:

Mrs. Stanley Archibald, Mrs. Joe Bennett, Mrs. Ed Crowley, Mrs. Alvin Furlow, Mrs. Sidney Gill, Mrs. Walker Glenn, Mrs. Burl Hollis, Mrs. Raymond John, Mrs. Ivy Jordan, Mrs. Oliver Lowery, Mrs. Jack Masur, Mrs. Skeeter Morgan, Mrs. Fred Parrish, Mrs. Louis Peters, Mrs. Walter Ryland Jr., Mrs. James Harris.

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Christmas carols were sung in traditional manner by members of the Fine Arts Club when they met at the Frances Hotel for their annual Christmas banquet. The dinner table in the Butterfly room was brightly illuminated with myriad crimson tapers burning in the midst of holly, Nandina berries and crimson poinsettias forming an oblong plaque for the central decor.

Miss Eleona Brinsmade with characteristic graciousness presided as toast mistress. She introduced Miss Sarah Helen Word who read in dramatic manner, Masefield's "The Great Guest Comes." Following the serving of dinner a treasure hunt was introduced and resulted in the exchanging of gifts.

Those in attendance were:

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Stern, Mr. Lowery Jefferson, Miss Louise Moor, Miss Juanita Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thatcher, Mr. Paul Newman, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Lawson, Miss Eleona Brinsmade, Mr. and Mrs. Barlow Inabet, Mr. Leon Hammonds, Miss Mary Bergevin, Sgt. and Mrs. Lorenzo Smith, Miss Ladelle Duke, Mrs. Thelma Durbin, Mrs. Nell Grigsby, Mr. Jo Craig, Mrs. Taunton Veasy, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Coon, Miss Mae Reed, Miss Sarah Helen Word, Mrs. Geraldine Carroll, Miss Carrie Mae Stephenson, Lt. Sebastin Martorana, Mrs. Maud Mayo, Sgt. Loyd Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Serwich, Miss Lola Mae Hurst, Sgt. Stanley Dunk.

The sincere interest to friends in the Twin cities is the following announcement:

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Lee Lucky announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Marjorie Ruth, to Everett Heller, corporal, United States army air corps, on December 26, at 7 o'clock in the evening at the First Methodist Church, Monroe, La., with Dr. A. M. Serex officiating.

The bride is a graduate of Ouachita Parish High School and Northeast Junior College and is an employe of F. Strauss and Son.

Corporal Heller, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Heller of Hartford, Conn., is a graduate of Bulkeley High School and attended Hillyer Junior College in Hartford, Conn. He was formerly employed in the accounting and statistical division of Connecticut state highway department. Corporal Heller is stationed at Selman Field.

Formal invitations have not been issued. Friends are invited through this medium.

An informal reception will be held at the home of Mrs. Jewel McQuiller following the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Ranney of Jonesboro, La., announce the marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth, to Lt. Lowell A. Bunnell, son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Bunnell of Middleport, N. Y.

The wedding was quietly solemnized in the north chapel, Topeka army air field, Topeka, Kan., on the afternoon of December 6th at 4:30 o'clock with the chaplain, Capt. Elmer L. Patterson, officiating.

The bride was given in marriage by Lt. Charles W. Higgens of Coatesville, Pa. Lt. Robert E. Sheldon of Staten Island, N. Y., served as the groom's attendant.

Mrs. Bunnell received her education at Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, Ruston, La., and is now a member of the Gilbert High School faculty, Gilbert, La.

Lieutenant Bunnell received his education at Alfred University, Alfred, N. Y., before entering the army January, 1943.

Personals

Friends of Miss Betty Cargile, former resident of this city where she attended Neville High School, will be interested in news of her career as a singer. She has been making her home for the past year in Hollywood and is now appearing as soloist with Jack Benny's Orchestra. The band will appear at Palm Isle, Longview, Tex., Saturday night. Miss Cargile was joined in Longview by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cargile of this city.

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Capt. W. H. McSherry is spending Christmas in Washington, where he joined Mrs. McSherry in the home of Lt. and Mrs. Travis Oliver Jr., who reside in Chevy Chase. Mrs. McSherry is the former Miss Sara Cole Morrison.

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Miss Ouida Welch, student at L. S. U. is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Welch.

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Quartermaster Raymond Sackett has returned from 20 months service in the southwest Pacific and is enjoying the holidays in this city with his mother, Mrs. J. R. Pope and Mr. Pope and his brother and sister, Richard Sackett and Miss Barbara Sackett.

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Miss Martha Clayton Kilpatrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Kilpatrick, is home from the University of Texas for the holidays.

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Miss Rachael Matzner of Meridian, Miss., will be the holiday guest of her sister, Mrs. Morris Haas and Mr. Haas.

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Miss Arabella Bancroft, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Bancroft, St. John's drive is home for the holidays from Hackabay school in Dallas, Tex. Miss Bancroft was a guest at Miss Hackabay's formal dinner party on December 18.

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Mrs. O. L. Ash entertained with an informal dinner party complimentary to her sister, Miss Virginia Vaughan before she left for Washington, D. C., to become the bride of Lt. Landon Miles. Mrs. Ash presented her sister with a gift of sterling silver.

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Mrs. A. L. Smith will entertain her sons and daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren at dinner on Christmas day as customary each year. There will be several empty seats this year as several of Mrs. Smith's grandsons are in the armed forces and will be unable to join the family group. Those in attendance will be: Mr. and Mrs. D. Y. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Gregg and son, Jerry Gregg, Mr. and Mrs. Melville Dixon, and two sons, Joseph and Melville Dixon Jr., Mr. and Mrs. John Bishop Johnston Jr., and three children. Mrs. John Bishop Johnston Sr., will also be present.

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Interesting announcement cards have just been received as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. George Morgan Willis
announce the marriage of their
daughter
Vannie Pearl
to
Lieutenant Leon Thomas Apgar
U. S. Navy
on Friday, the twenty-fourth of
November
Nineteen hundred and forty-four
New Orleans, Louisiana
At Home
Five fifteen S. Barrancas Ave.
Warrington, Florida.

Miss Satchie Naiden, student at the University of Texas and Miss Charlotte Naiden, student at Ward Belmont preparatory school are enjoying the holidays with their mother, Mrs. Earl Naiden.

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St. Joseph

The annual Xmas party of the Tensas Garden Club was a pleasant event of the holidays and was enjoyed by members of the club and their guests. Mrs. Niccolena Bruno and Mrs. Maury Stanton were co-hostesses. Mrs. Thomas Lay of Gilliam, La., conducted the program and the flower arrangements were by Mrs. Jack Castle and Mrs. Lucille Watson. The party gathered in the auditorium, where the program was given. The auditorium at the community house was brightened for the occasion with a Xmas theme of red and green. Flower baskets holding sprays of holly, nandina and evergreens were placed on either side of the entrance. Mrs. Thomas Lay assisted by Mrs. C. A. Loyd with Mrs. Willis Ducrest as accompanist, presented a musical program, which included Xmas carols and popular songs. A miniature Xmas tree and a colored slide illustrating the songs were highlights of the program. Amusing games and contests followed and when concluded, the party adjourned to the club room. The club room was very pretty, with the Xmas colors of red and green carried out in the decorations and a miniature Xmas tree. The mantel was banked with holly, nandina and evergreens. On the president's table was placed a vase holding holly, nandina and evergreens. The pretty Xmas tree gleaming with lights, stood on the coffee table, surrounded with gaily wrapped gifts. After all the gifts had been distributed and unwrapped, the hostesses served a delicious plate luncheon to 35. Besides Mrs. Thomas Lay, the guests included Mrs. Edward Boyle, Mrs. Holliman Cook, Mrs. Willis Ducrest, Mrs. Willie Hudnall, Mrs. H. F. Vinson and Miss Marion Curry, all of St. Joseph, Mrs. J. T. Means of Ida, Mrs. Paul Pearman of Haynesville, La., and Mrs. J. B. Rose of Summerall, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. Curry MacPherson of Lake Charles, La., are guests of friends in St. Joseph for the week-end and Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. S. Stiles of Crowley, La., are visiting Mrs. Stiles' sisters, Misses Ethel and Lucille Reiber for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Guice are visiting their daughter, Miss Ada Guice for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Lucille Watson is a guest of her brother, Mr. William Vick Cook of Lima, Peru, in New Orleans. After leaving New Orleans, Mr. Cook will accompany Mrs. Watson to St. Joseph and spend the Christmas holidays at "Cross Keys," Mrs. Watson's plantation home. This is Mr. Cook's first visit in a number of years, to his former home and is a source of much pleasure to a large circle of relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Castil are visiting relatives near Greenville, Miss., for the Christmas holidays.

MONROE GIRL WEDS IN WASHINGTON

Mrs. Oscar Landon Miles the third, whose marriage took place at historic St. John's Church in Washington, D. C. She is the former Miss Virginia Anita Vaughan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard Lawson Vaughan of this city.

Confidentially

Reunion at Christmas, one of the most cherished traditions of the human race is taking place today in millions of homes. Separated this year because of the war, the reunion is doubly sweet. In other homes there will be remembrances of the absent, beloved members of the families serving in London, Iceland, New Delhi, Algiers, Guadalcanal, Chungking, and other remote places.

At Christmas, more than any other time of the year, the heart reaches out toward home and loved ones. The longing to see familiar faces and the scene is an overwhelming nostalgia. In broken homes, in jungle mazes, on desert sands and stormy seas, Christmas will be celebrated this year in eloquent meditation and prayer, mere merrymaking or gift giving is not the way to gather courage, it is gained through prayer alone.

Last Christmas eve a boy wrote home "It is strange not to be hearing dad's voice reading Washington Irving, and watching Mom out of the corner of my eye, and smiling when the familiar and favorite parts come. But I can see everything clearly—the fire in the corner, the red candles in the windows and on the tables and, after reading is done, church at the top of the [illegible]."

Like a thousand others this boy let his imagination wander on Christmas eve from a place of war to a home of peace, to a midnight church service, to a book, a story book. It is just as natural to turn one's thought to home on Christmas eve as it is to breathe.

In Monroe homes where families are being reunited there is happiness today. In the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. P. Gray, for instance, where their son, Lt. Col. C. P. Gray Jr., arrived from California with his wife and two children just in time for Christmas. They are en route to Rochester, Minn., where Lieutenant Colonel Gray will be engaged in special work at the Mayo Clinic.

Mrs. T. T. Webb is rejoicing over the arrival of her grandson, A. C. David Walke from Gardner Field, Calif., where he is in training. He arrived in Monroe on Friday via air ways and was met by his mother, Mrs. Nellie Webb Walke of Shreveport, formerly of this city. An article appearing in the Stroller column of the Shreveport Times will be read with interest by friends in this city.

A. C. David Walke, son of Mrs. Frank Walke, 611 Linden, is now hobnobbing with the stars these days . . . and we do not mean those heavenly bodies seen in the sky every night. Cadet Walke, in training at Garden Field, Calif., is a frequent guest in the Temple home now that he has become acquainted with the famous daughter of the household, Shirley Temple herself. Though David is flying to Shreveport on December 22 to spend the holidays with his family here and his grandmother, Mrs. T. T. Webb and his aunt, Mrs. Kenneth Elliott of Monroe, he plans to return to Hollywood in time to join the gala New Year's eve party at Shirley Temple's home. Cadet Walke will receive his wings in March.

In the home of Mrs. J. D. McGee of West Monroe a family reunion is taking place today. Her son, Capt. Donald W. McGee arrived today from Newport, Ark., and her daughter, Mrs. Travis Brown arrived last week from Maracaibo, Venezuela. Mrs. Brown tells in interesting manner of life in Venezuela, land of orchids and other exotic flowers. She tells of attending an orchid exhibit in Caracas where 100 different varieties were shown. On one plant alone there were more than 200 blossoms. The colors range from white to mauve and from orchid to deepest purple. Other varities are of yellow and still others of green. Last year Mrs. Brown sent a box of orchids to her mother via air mail . . . they arrived in perfect condition. Mrs. Brown's journey home via air ways was most interesting. The trip was slightly delayed as she was forced to obtain a visa before entering Mexico. Short stops were made in Panama and Meredia, Mexico.

That gallant company of young Greek letter men, members of Delta Sigma Fraternity will start the Christmas festivities rolling in a blaze of glory Tuesday night when they will be hosts to the younger set at a dancing party at their fraternity house on Cole Island. Several dinner parties will be given before the ball and intermission parties will add pleasure to the evening's festivities. Fraternity members and their "dates" will attend the intermission party in the home of Dr. and Mrs. P. L. Perot. Hosts will be Phanor Perot Jr. and Monty Frazier.

Cheerful fires will burn on the wide hearths at Mr. and Mrs. Harold Woods' country home on Christmas day with a company of 25 or more gathered around the festive board for dinner. In addition to Mr. and Mrs. Woods and their interesting little family comprising three sons they will have as their guests Dr. and Mrs. Henry Guerriero and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sandridge and son, Thomas Sandridge Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dexborgh, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Noe and family, Mrs. James A. Noe Jr., Linda Noe and Mrs. Gordon McLendon and daughter, Jan.

Lonewa, hospitable plantation home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hunter Thatcher will reflect some of the former glory of the old South during the Christmas season. A reunion will bring all members of their family together at this plantation where in times past dusky servitors were awaiting to cry "Christmas Gift." It was the custom for all plantation hands to gather at the "Big House" and call out "Christmas Gift." Not only at Lonewa did old family servants scurry around on Christmas day looking after the welfare of guests, replenishing fires on the open hearths and gather camellias from the garden for the dinner table decoration, but in all other plantation homes where life was enjoyed on a spacious scale.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM ENJOYED BY THE WELCOME BRANCH BOOK CLUB MEMBERS

Carols were sung by members of the Welcome Branch Book Club when they met in the home of Mrs. T. H. Scott for their annual Christmas program with Mrs. A. E. Loyd and Mrs. M. R. Hausherr co-hostesses.

Mrs. J. Norman Coon presented as a special feature on the program a group of readings appropriate to the Christmas season. They included an anonymous Christmas poem, "Three Stockings," an excerpt from the book "Mrs. Miniver" by Jan Struther, "The Gift of the Magi," a short story by O. Henry, and a poem "Just Before Christmas" by Eugene Field.

Mrs. Fred Hornberger read the Christmas story as recorded in the second chapter of St. Luke, verses one to twenty.

Mrs. J. N. Coon led the group in the singing of two favorite carols, "Oh Come All Ye Faithful" and "Silent Night." Miss Ann Braun accompanied the singing on the glockenspiel.

Mrs. C. E. Koonce announced that the sale of two one-thousand dollar bonds has been credited to the club.

Mrs. L. V. Tarver read to the club the message of Mrs. A. D. Tisdale, president of Louisiana Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Tisdale urged club women to study carefully the six main points of the Dumbarton Oaks proposals and two points in connection with the use of force to keep peace. "World peace is unfinished business and will continue to be," stated Mrs. Tisdale in her message. "To that unfinished business we women must bring our crusading spirit, our crusading techniques . . . Let us help pull those strings into action that will harness the moral and material forces and resources of our nation into its rightful role of participation in a world that has faith in an international organization to preserve and maintain peace and means to achieve it."

Mrs. A. R. Doughty, club president, announced that a sum of money had been donated by the club for the purchase of Christmas gifts for three children, placed in foster homes by the local child welfare organization under the supervision of Miss Jean Bonham.

Gifts were exchanged under the supervision of Mrs. O. R. Bridges. Refreshments were served to the following members: Mrs. O. R. Bridges, Mrs. H. V. Collins, Mrs. J. Norman Coon, Mrs. A. M. Culpepper, Mrs. F. W. Dawson, Mrs. A. R. Doughty, Mrs. J. T. Eubank, Mrs. V. S. Garnett, Mrs. E. C. Gibson, Mrs. M. R. Hausherr, Mrs. J. G. Hicks, Mrs. G. D. Holland, Mrs. Fred Hornberger, Mrs. C. E. Koonce, Mrs. E. E. Lowson, Mrs. A. E. Loyd, Mrs. Harry Moore, Mrs. J. N. Reddle, Mrs. W. E. Sandel, Mrs. T. H. Scott, Mrs. T. C. Starnes, Mrs. Zell Smith, Mrs. L. V. Tarver, Mrs. J. R. White, Mrs. L. S. Whitson and Mrs. Paul T. Wright. Guests included Mrs. C. M. Koontz and Mrs. Cora Holloway.

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Lake Providence

Gerald Lee Brown's birthday was celebrated with a stag party, with delightful refreshments and a picture show. Entertaining at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Strozier, the boy's present to enjoy the occasion were Regenold Minsky, Bubber Minsky, John Russell Davis, Wayne Trischmann, Dickie Dalfiume, Loyd Rainer Walters, Ted Schneider III, Paul Zimmer, and Parker Parra.

Announcements have been received by friends of Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Howard, Crystal Springs, Miss., of the arrival of a son, George Daley Howard, Monday, November 20.

A daughter, Zelma Mae Bradford, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bradford, Wednesday, November 22.

In a spirit of fellowship the Girl Scouts entertained the Boy Scouts at a spaghetti supper at the Municipal auditorium. Scout leader, Mrs. Marian Herzog, was in charge of all arrangements and Laverne Davis served as toast mistress. The table, arranged by the members, was lovely in white cloth, centered with sprays of vari hued chrysanthemums. The place cards, handiwork of Miss Annie Kathryn Moore, were Pilgrim boys and girls held in place by being based in gum drops. Mrs. J. P. Davis, member of the council, returned thanks, after which Laverne Davis welcomed the Boy Scouts and the guests. Mrs. Sue Abernethy contributed to the pleasure of the evening by accompanying for assembly singing. Mrs. H. T. Van Fossen's contribution were witticisms and Mary Belle McCain gave pleasure with several accordion numbers. Roland Marcus spoke for the Boy Scouts in saying what a pleasant evening they had all had.

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Historic Church Scene Of Weddin

Monroe Couple United In Marriage At St. Joh Church In Washington, D. C.

Historic St. John's Church, Lafayette Square, Washinton, D. C., where many presidents of the United States we worshippers and occupied the president's pew, was the sc of a war-time wedding when Miss Virginia Anita Vaugh daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lawson Vaughan beca the bride of Lt. Oscar Landon Miles the third, son of M Gladys Miles of this city, on December the ninth at fo o'clock in the afternoon.

Cathedral tapers flamed high and white chrysanthemums banked the dim recesses of the altar where Rev. Howard A. Johnson, rector of St. John's, awaited the bride who was given in marriage by her uncle, William A. White Jr., of New York City.

The bride was preceded to the altar by her matron of honor, Mrs. D. A. Bowerman who wore a smart black crepe model fashioned with a deep yoke of pink sequins. She wore a shocking pink feather hat and a corsage of gardenias.

The bridegroom was attended by a fellow officer, Lt. Norman Molyneaux of Los Angeles, Calif., who spent two years with him in the Pacific and returned home with him.

The bride wore a lovely aqua blue model of charming simplicity. The bodice was fashioned with a deep yoke of Alencon lace. She wore a corsage of orchids.

Mrs. Vaughan and Mrs. Miles, mothers of the bride and bridegroom, present for the ceremony, wore black crepe models with corsages of white carnations.

Following the ceremony the rector, in accordance with tradition, presented the bride and bridegroom with the white leather bound prayer book from which the ceremony was read.

Mrs. Vaughan and William A. White Jr. entertained the wedding party at dinner at the Willard Hotel following the ceremony. The night before the wedding Lieutenant Molyneaux was host at a dinner party at the Shoreham Hotel. Members of the wedding party and relatives attending the wedding were in attendance.

The bride is a graduate of Neville High School and of Northeast Junior College of Monroe. She has resided with her parents in Monroe for the past four years. She was secretary to the division agent of the Illinois Central Railroad prior to resigning to be married.

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After a honeymoon in Washin and New York the young couple be at Solomons, Md., where Lieu ant Miles is in training. Shortly the first of the year they will Portland, Ore., where Lieute Miles will be stationed for the being.

Out-of-town guests were Capt. Mrs. William Trimble of Monroe, stationed in Washington, Mr. Vi Morgan Miles, Washington, D. C. Mrs. Harry Baumgardner of Ar ton, Va., cousins of the groom; Eva Pauline White of Jamaica, N Mr. and Mrs. William A. White J New York City, Capt. A. L. Bens ton and Com. Thurston Chatha Washington, D. C., Lt. and Mrs. D Bowerman.

Society Calendar

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Presbyterian Church choir will sent a Christmas cantata at the chu 5 p. m. Public is invited.

Midnight service at First Metho Church. Carol singing, 11:30 p. m

Tuesday

Special installation service at sonic Temple for Dixie chapter 17 E. S. Public is invited, 7:30 p. m.

Delta Sigma annual Christmas at the fraternity house, 10 p. m.

Phanor Perot Jr., and Monty Fra will entertain with an intermis party at the Perot home on avenue during the Delta Sigma ternity Christmas ball.

Circles of the Woman's Societ Christian Service of Stone Av Methodist Church will meet at church at 2:30 p. m.

Wednesday

The YoWoCa Business Girls' will meet in the home of Mrs. V Veazey, 1425 Forsythe Ave., at 6 m. Officers for next year will elected.

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MAT HIRSCH AND ROWENA ARANT are going to let the beautiful flowers they are sending forth today say "MERRY CHRISTMAS" for them. The gorgeous poinsettias and other potted plants associated with THE FLOWER SHOPPE at this time will express for them the appreciation for the wonderful way the public has bought them out during the past year. It has been a privilege to supply the beautiful corsages all the young and lovelies will be wearing during the holidays and to send their flowers into homes where hearts are heavy. THE FLOWER SHOPPE expresses the age-old wish for a "MERRY CHRISTMAS" to each and every one.

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MARIE WAMSLEY DESIRES TO WISH every patron of her BEAUTY SALON not only a "MERRY CHRISTMAS" but one overflowing with peace and happiness. She has played an important part in placing many women on the road to beauty during the past twelve months and desires to thank them for the privilege. MRS. WAMSLEY feels confident that the treatments received in her SALON will go a long, long way in making women happy throughout the Yuletide . . . To all those lovely femmes who placed themselves in her hands during the months that have passed Mrs. Wamsley wishes not only a "MERRY CHRISTMAS" but a bright and happy "NEW YEAR."

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NOW THAT A NEW LIGHT is dawning on the world . . . when once again there may be gaiety at Christmas time the STANDARD OFFICE AND SUPPLY COMPANY feels that the words, "MERRY CHRISTMAS" can be spoken with all sincerity. Another year is dawning and the STANDARD OFFICE AND SUPPLY CO. feels deeply grateful for being enabled to supply their discriminating clientele with the merchandise desired. Just for the privilege of serving and supplying the needs of the public the management of the STANDARD OFFICE AND SUPPLY CO. feels like joining in the local chorus shouting the words, "MERRY CHRISTMAS."

IN EVERY HOME WHERE CHILDREN are awaiting the arrival of Santa Claus tonight SHERWIN-WILLIAMS wishes peace and happiness to descend. This shop where Monroe men and women found so many gifts for children and for their friends and family will continue to serve through the months ahead . . . the same spirit of friendliness the public has learned to associate with this shop will continue but today while the whole world pauses to observe the anniversary of the greatest event in all Christendom SHERWIN-WILLIAMS expresses a heart-felt desire for all their patrons to enjoy a "MERRY CHRISTMAS."

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THE CITY BAKERY MANAGEMENT is experiencing a glow of satisfaction today in the realization that they have assisted in making Christmas merry in homes where the holiday sweets have been supplied by them. However they would like to send a personal message today to each valued patron. It is a message of "Peace on Earth Good Will to Men." It isn't just a "MERRY CHRISTMAS" the City Bakery wishes their patrons but merry days to come when all the boys will come marching home again. In the meantime the CITY BAKERY intends to take care of [illegible] citizens . . . the children . . . by continuing to supply them with the nutritious, wholesome baked goods they have made famous.

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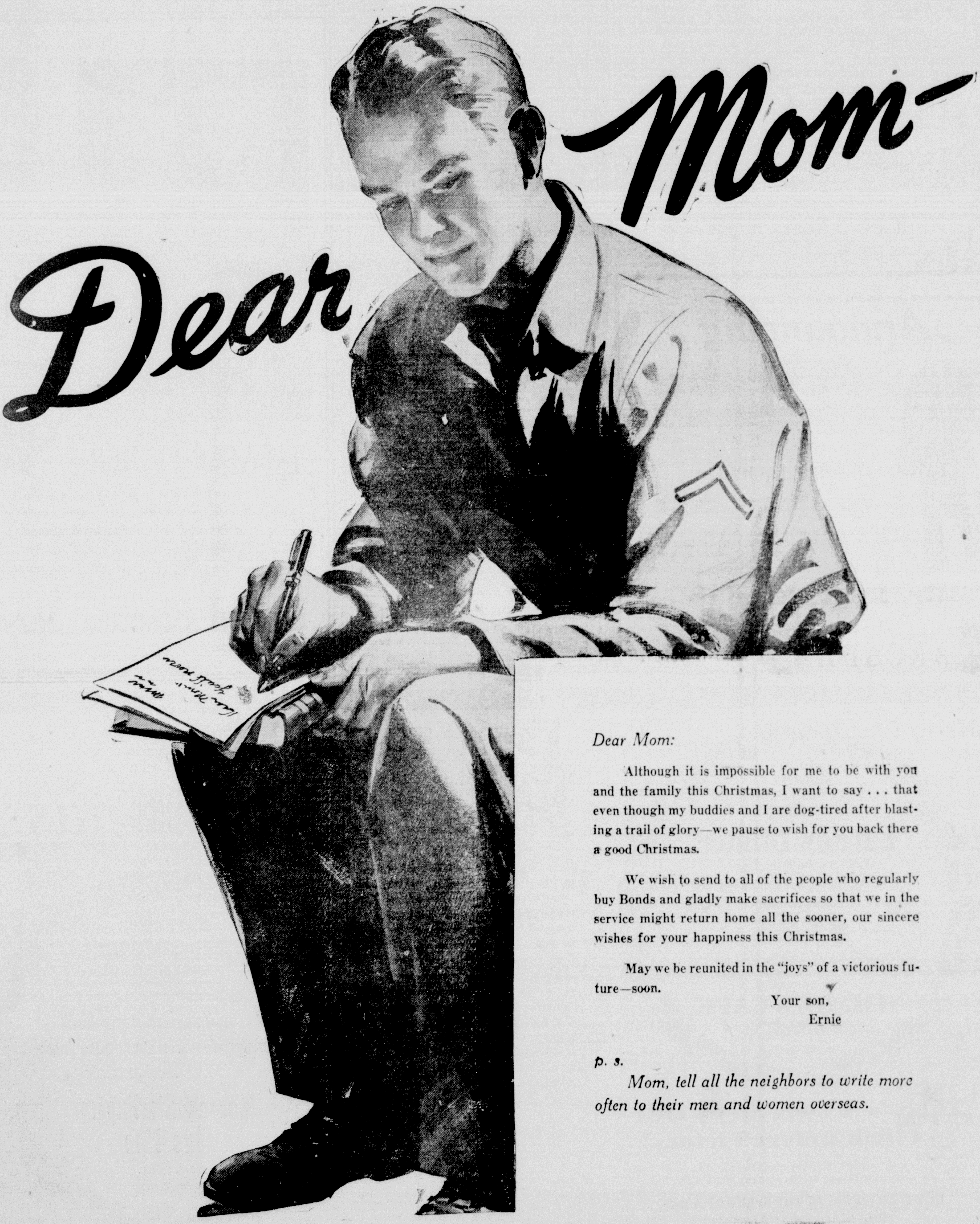

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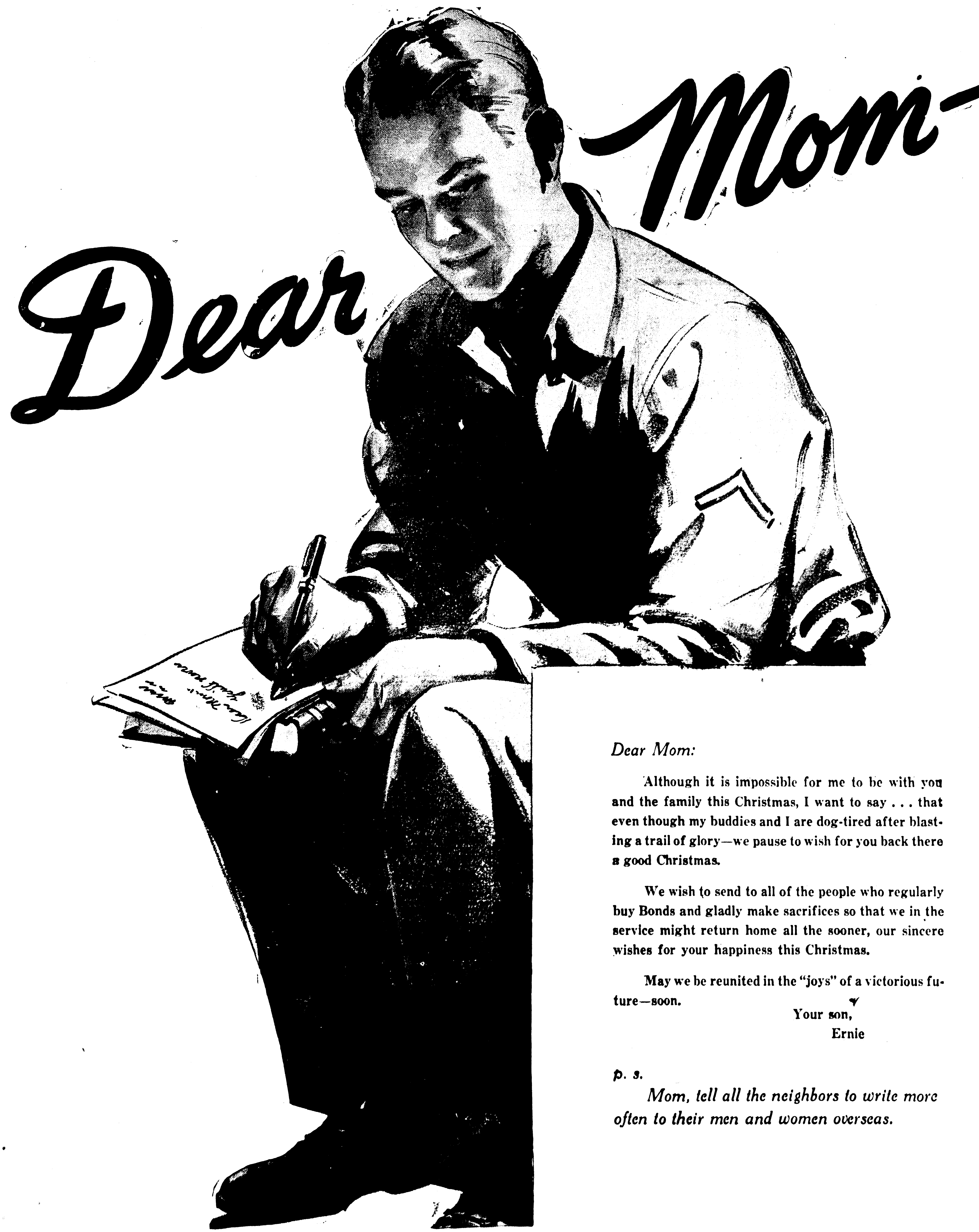

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"Buddy" Falk

One year has come and gone away,
I must say, he is away,
And missed very much this Christmas Day.
I cannot say, and will not say,
That he is dead, he is just away.
He has left us dreaming, day after day,
Of things he used to do and say.
Think of him this Christmas Day, faring on as dear,
In the love of there, as the love of here
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This Beautiful Christmas Day.

Sadly missed by wife,
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We hope YOU have been among the thousands that have enjoyed themselves at the Arcade during 1944. We have tried hard to bring you the BEST available in entertainment and hope to continue to serve you the same high standard of music and dancing that we all enjoy.

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Season's
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Merry Christmas, Folks!

OBER'S LAUNDRY
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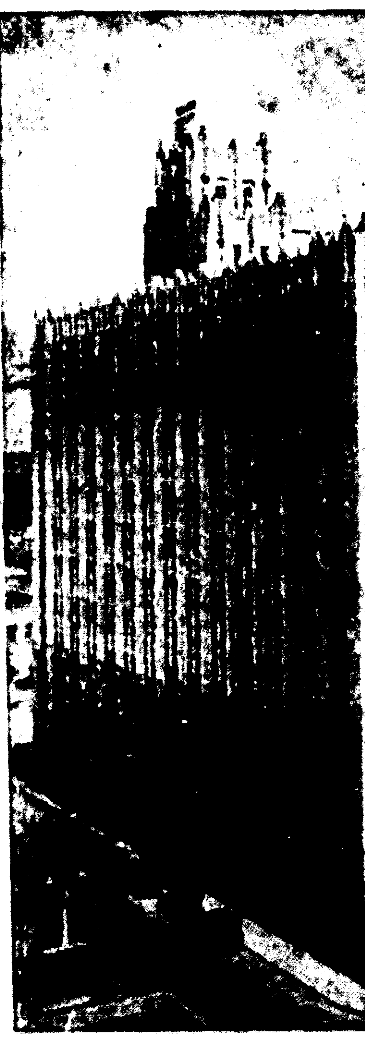

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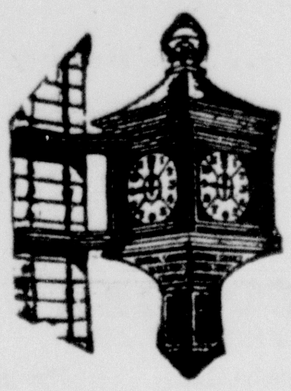

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And to those one hundred million brave souls throughout our land, smiling and sharing, and loving, and caring, and lending and paying, and hoping and praying

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Merry Christmas Anyhow!

"The gates of war
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We're in the fight
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TO OUR MANY FRIENDS
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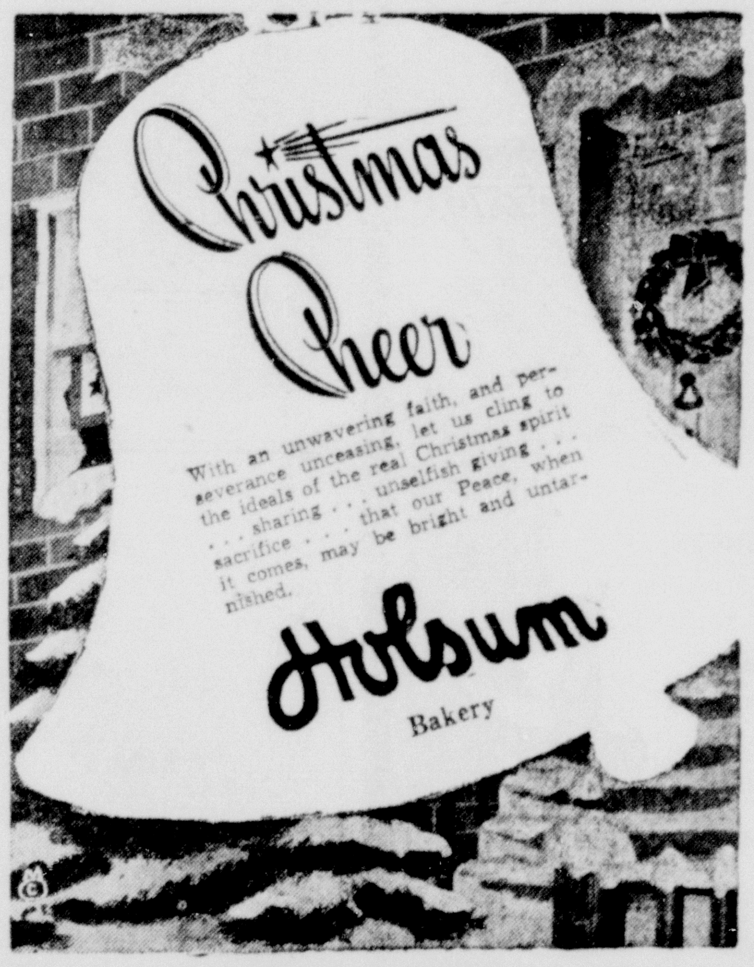

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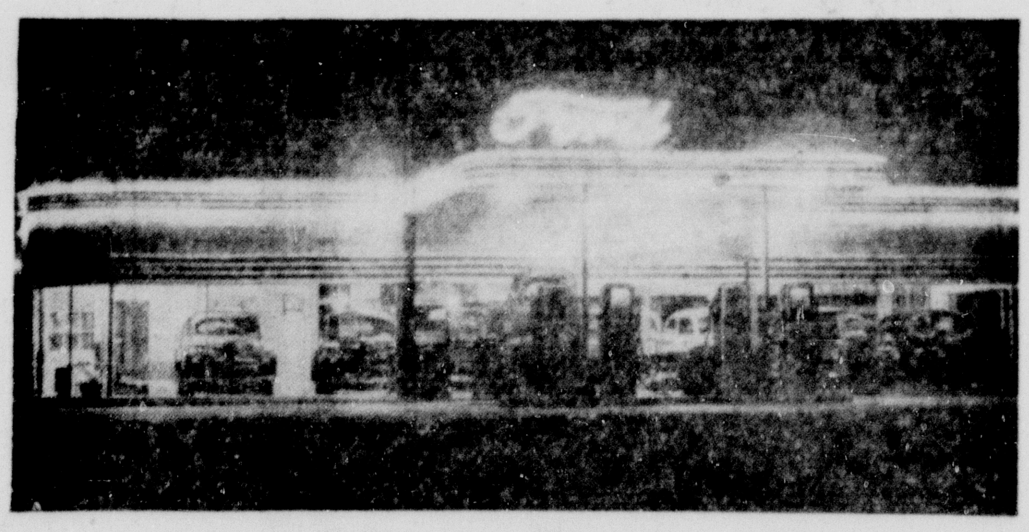

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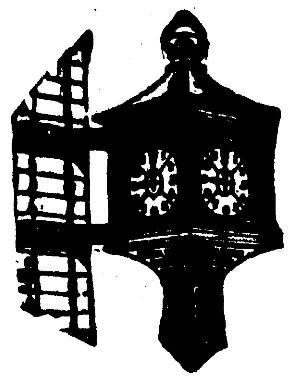

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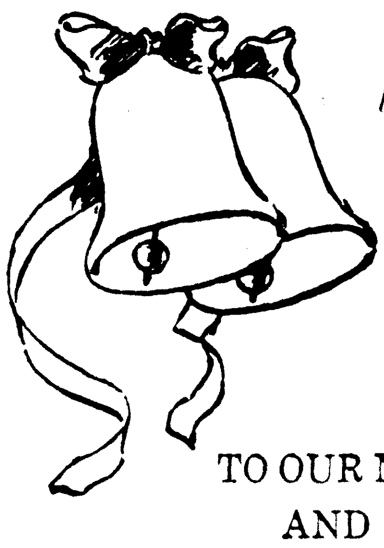

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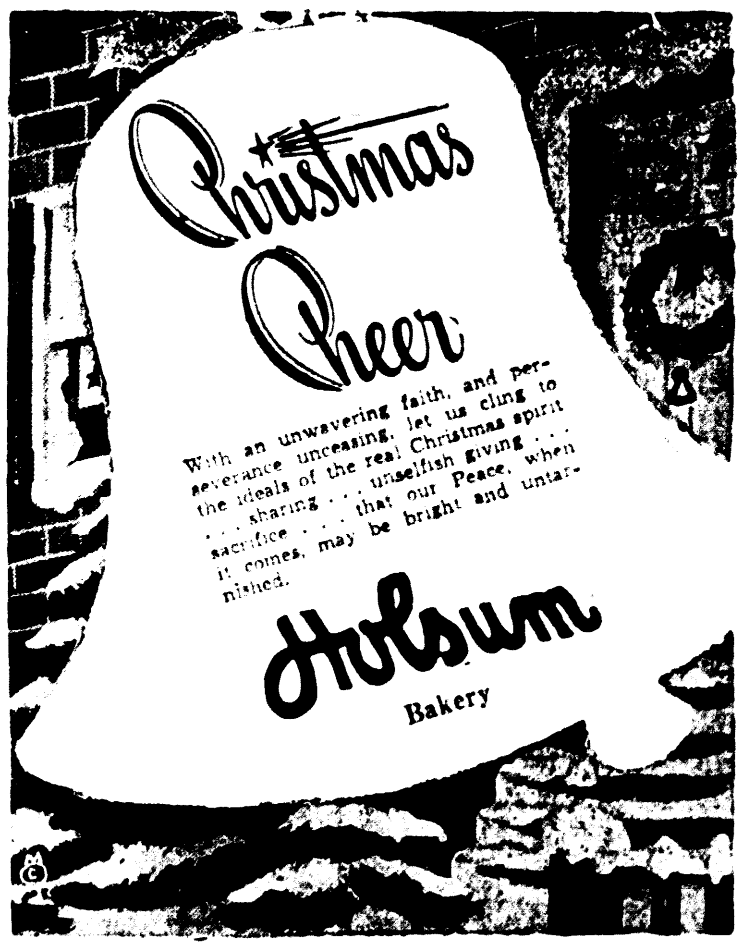

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Louisiana Tractor and Machinery Co.

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CATERPILLAR

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Ferd Levi Stationery Company

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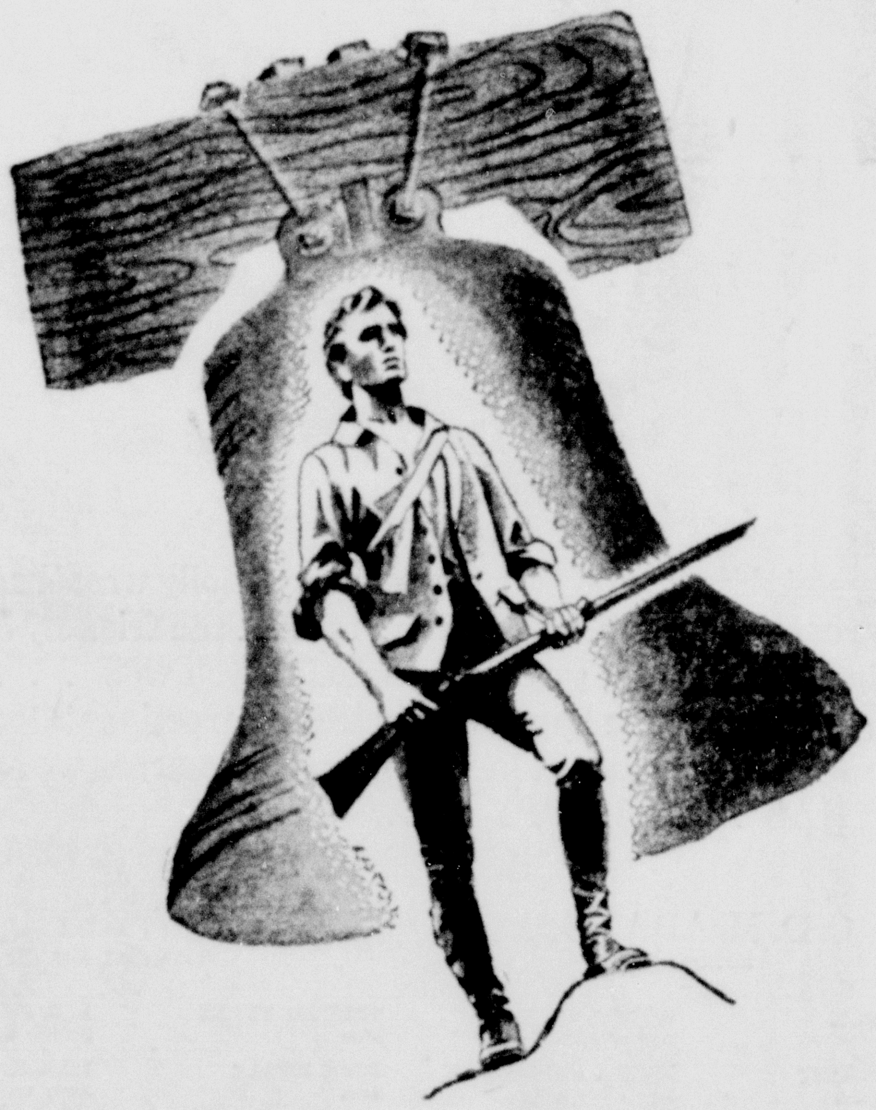

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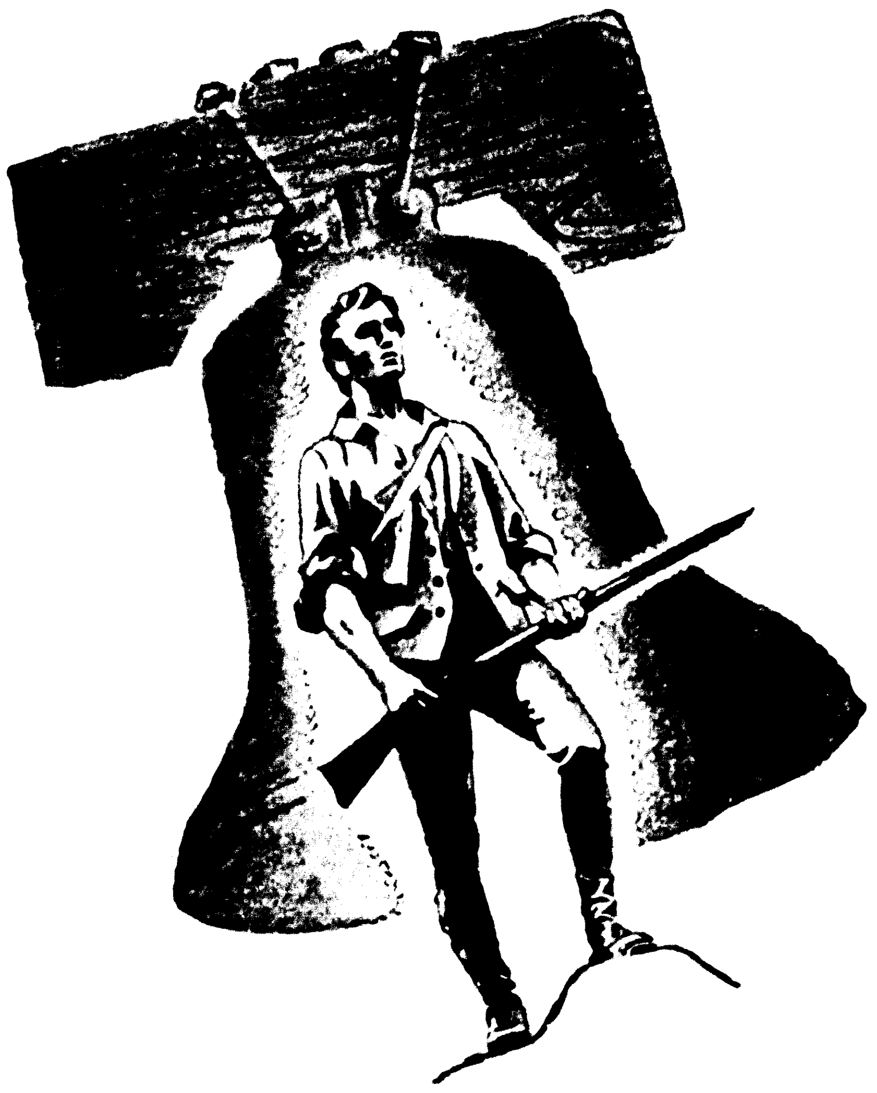

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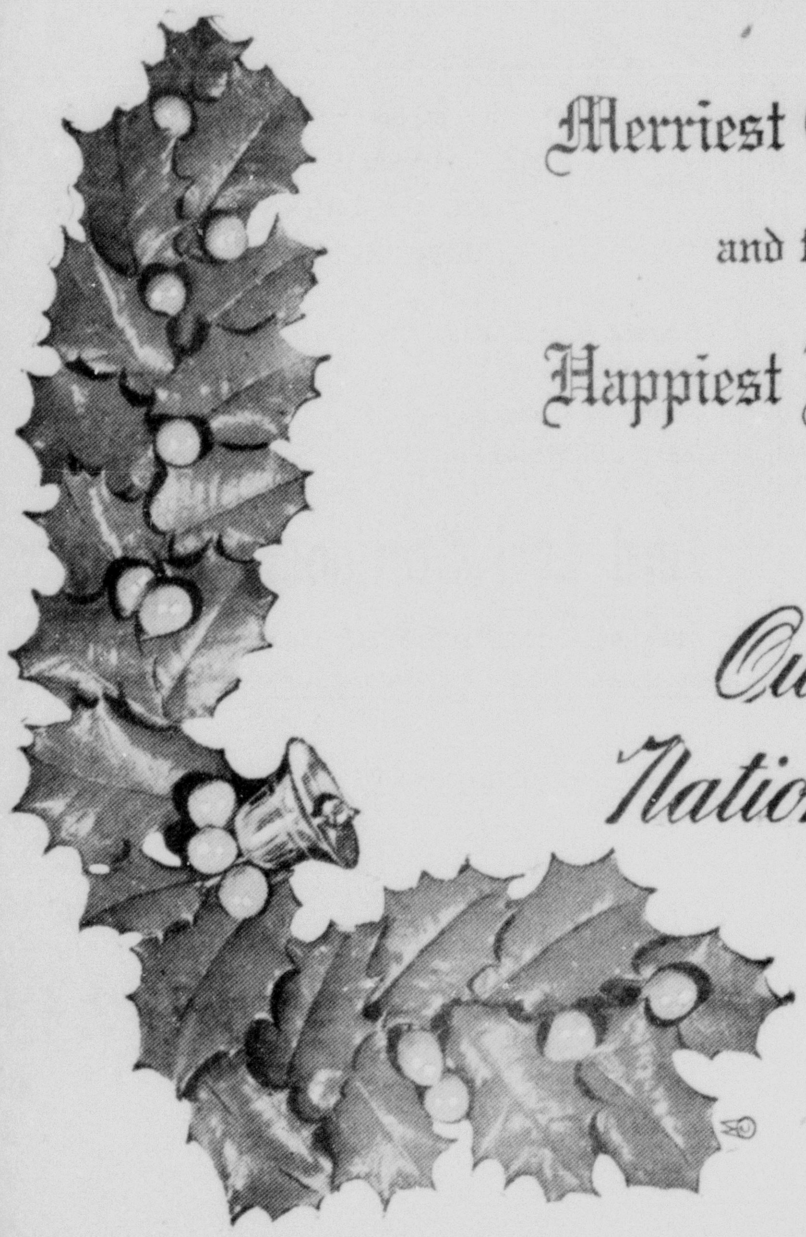


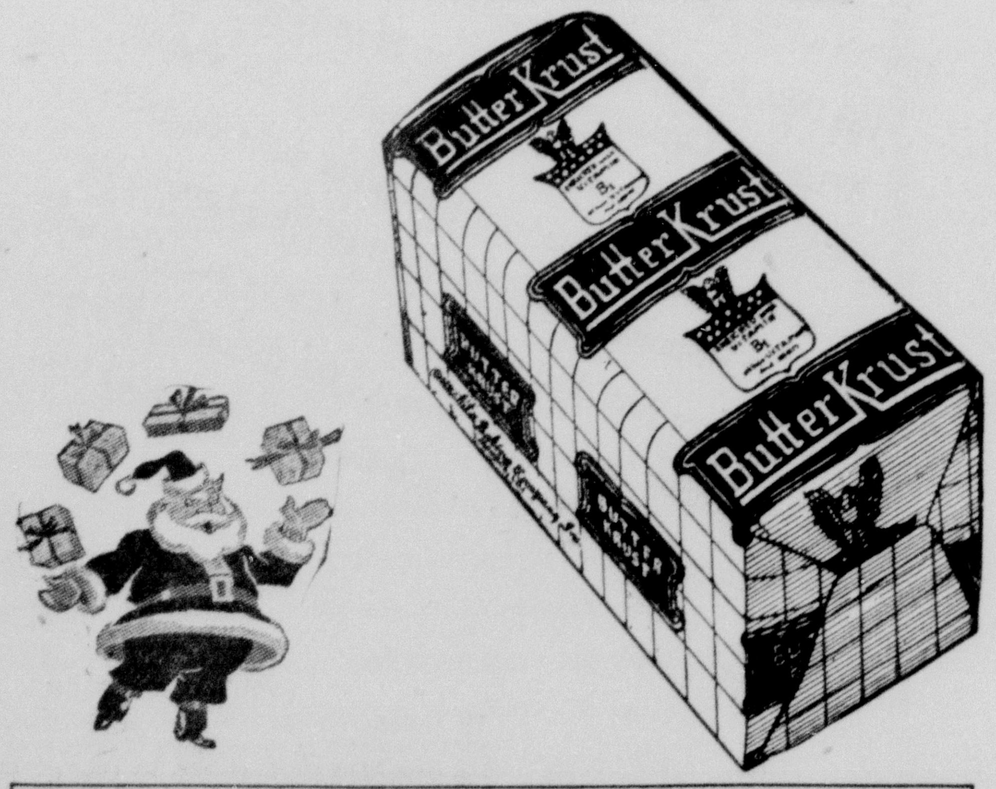
Ouachita
National Bank

MEMBER
FEDERAL RESERVE
SYSTEM

Merry
Christmas

Deep in our hearts, each of us has a secret Christmas hope. What more can we wish you, than that your hope come true? And for the coming year we'd like to see the fulfillment of every desire you hold dear.

THE SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL!



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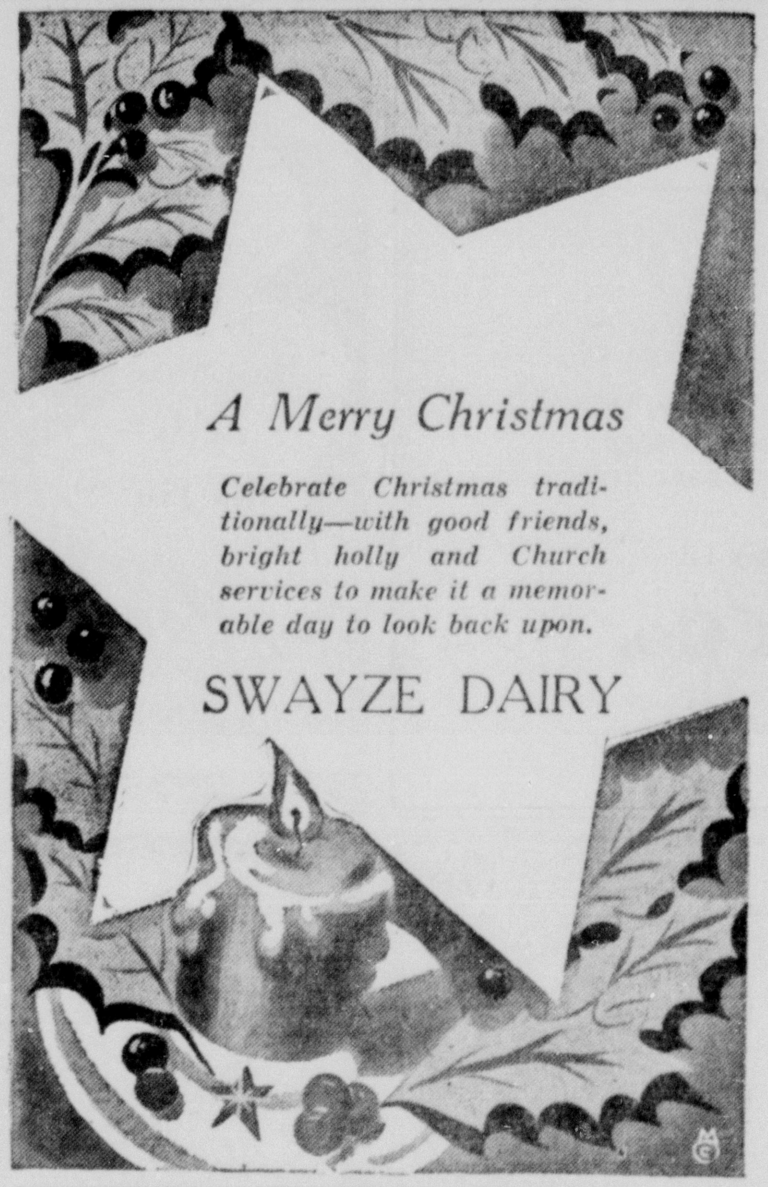

A Merry Christmas

Celebrate Christmas traditionally—with good friends, bright holly and Church services to make it a memorable day to look back upon.

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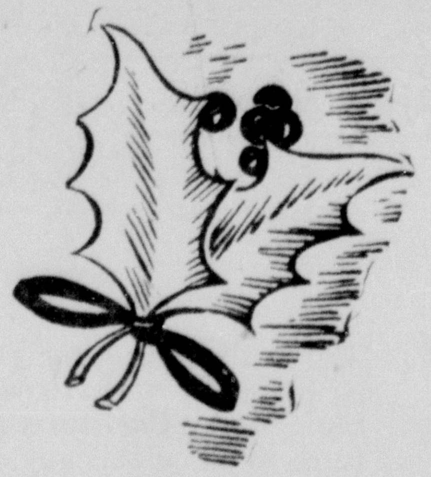

An American Christmas embodies a sense of good will which makes all men brothers. Our Christmas greetings to you are given in this truly American spirit.

Johnnie S. Elbert

Resident Shop
Roselawn at North Second

A Merry...
Old Fashioned
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Tinkling sleigh bells and soft white snow... holly wreaths and mistletoe . . . roasted turkey and pumpkin pie . . . the friendly handshakes of visiting friends and gay voices wishing you well . . . Blend all these together and you have our Christmas greetings! Good old fashioned greetings that mount in meaning each year, as we say MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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TO EVERYONE

Our Best Wishes

for the Very

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and the Very

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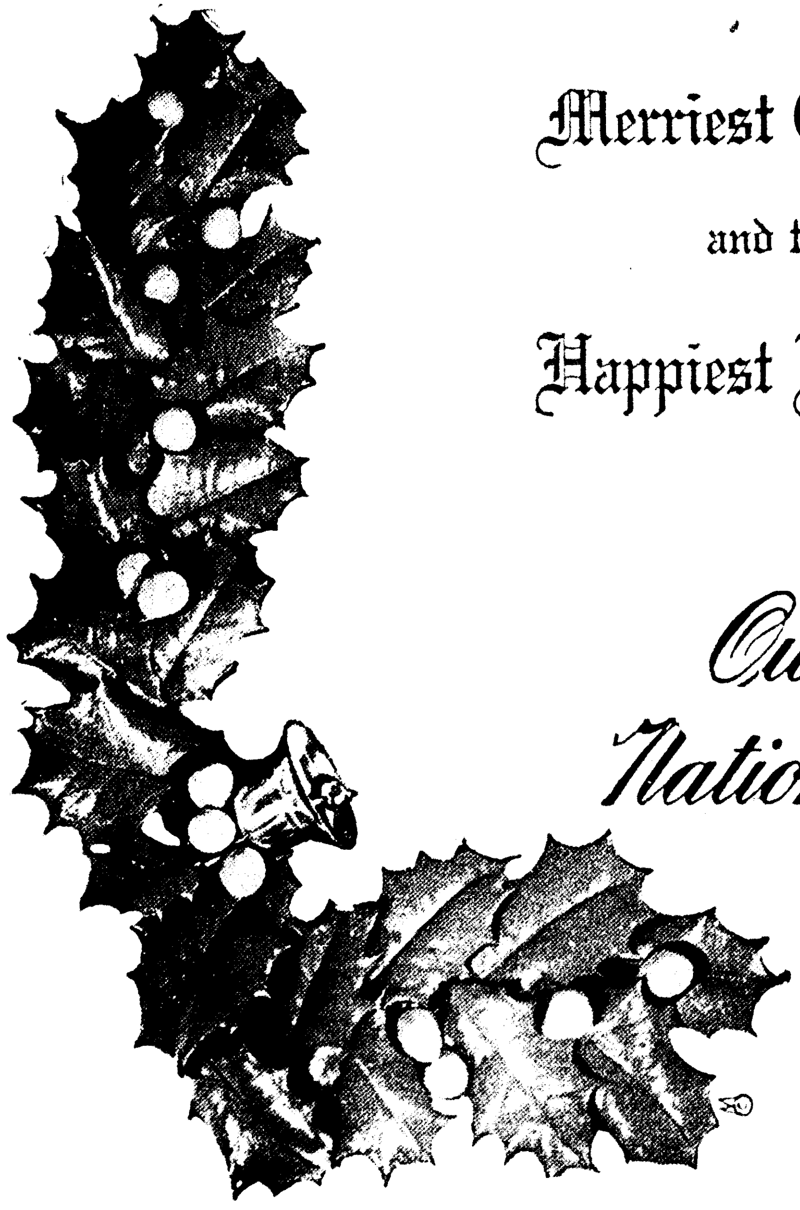

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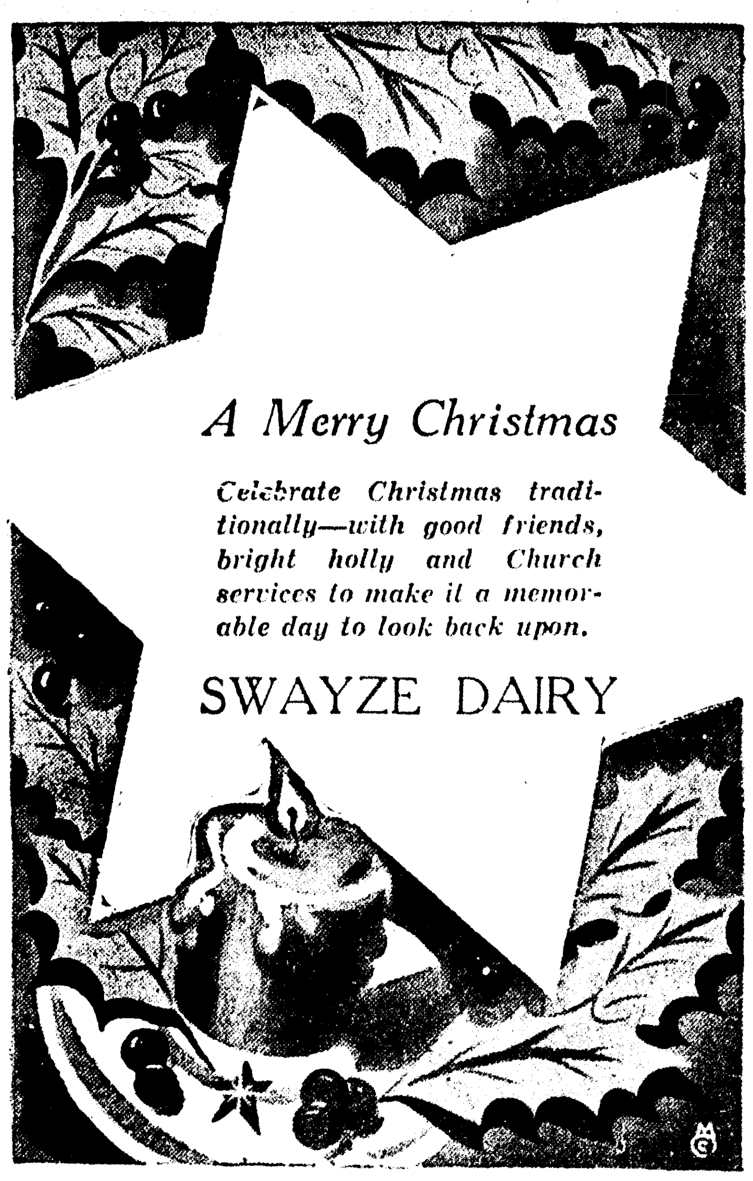


A Merry Christmas

Celebrate Christmas traditionally—with good friends, bright holly and Church services to make it a memorable day to look back upon.

SWAYZE DAIRY

An American Christmas embodies a sense of good will which makes all men brothers. Our Christmas greetings to you are given in this truly American spirit.

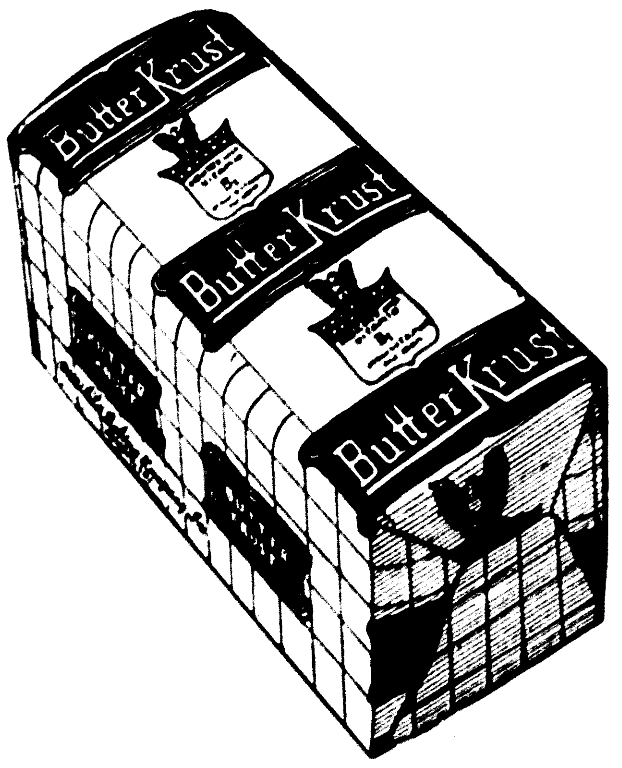
Johnnie S. Elbert

Resident Shop
Roselawn at North Second

Merry Christmas

Deep in our hearts, each of us has a secret Christmas hope. What more can we wish you, than that your hope come true? And for the coming year we'd like to see the fulfillment of every desire you hold dear.

THE SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL!



Ouachita Baking Company

"Monroe's Oldest and Finest Bakery"
"Down Lovers Lane"

A Merry—
Old Fashioned
Christmas

Tinkling sleigh bells and soft white snow... holly wreaths and mistletoe . . . roasted turkey and pumpkin pie ... the friendly handshakes of visiting friends and gay voices wishing you well . . . Blend all these together and you have our Christmas greetings! Good old fashioned greetings that mount in meaning each year, as we say MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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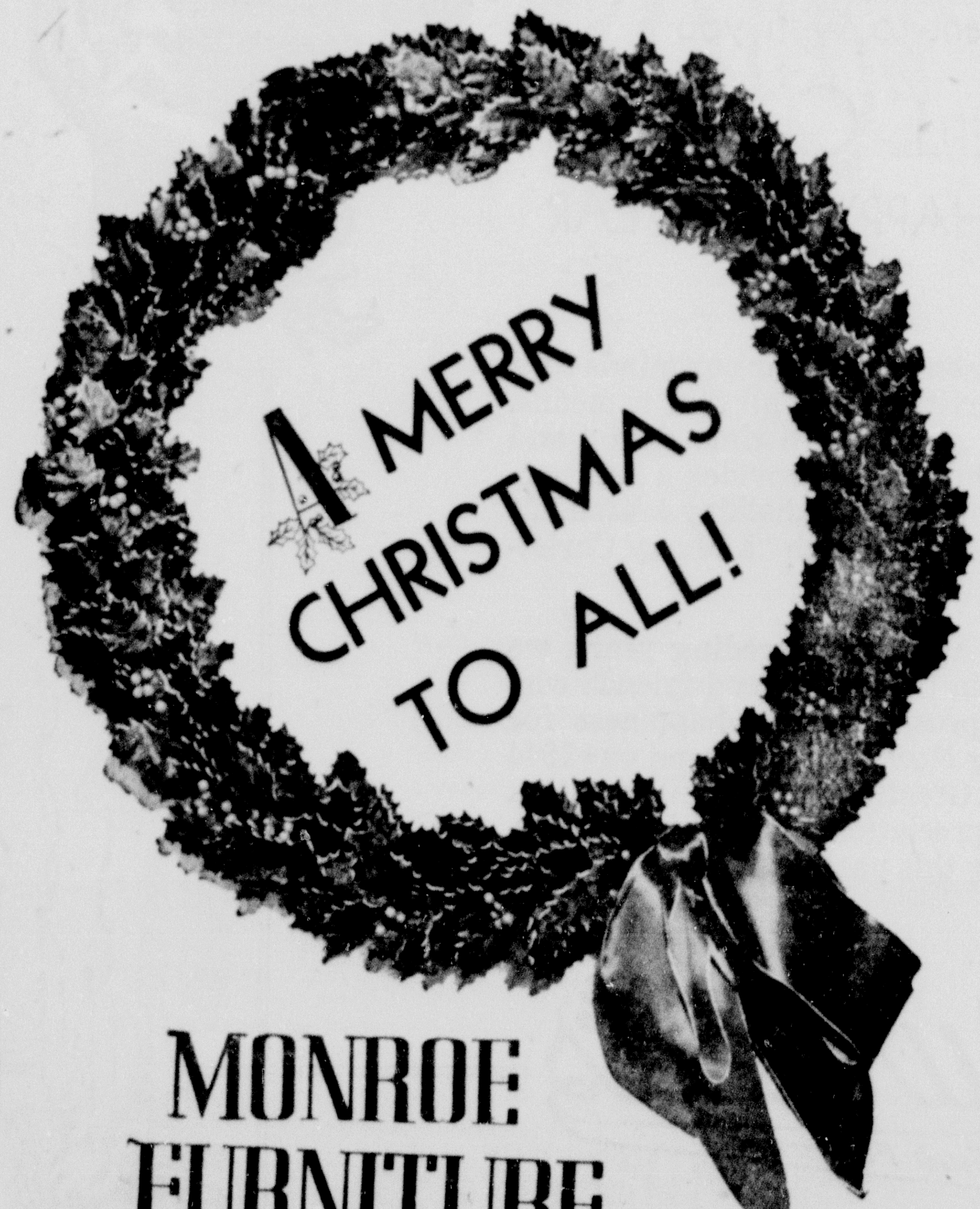

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And wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year to each and every one of our friends and customers. May we serve you as well in 1945. Our employees join us.

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SILVERSTEIN'S MILLINERY DEPT.

Compliments

OF THE SEASON

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Silverstein's

North Louisiana's Largest and Finest
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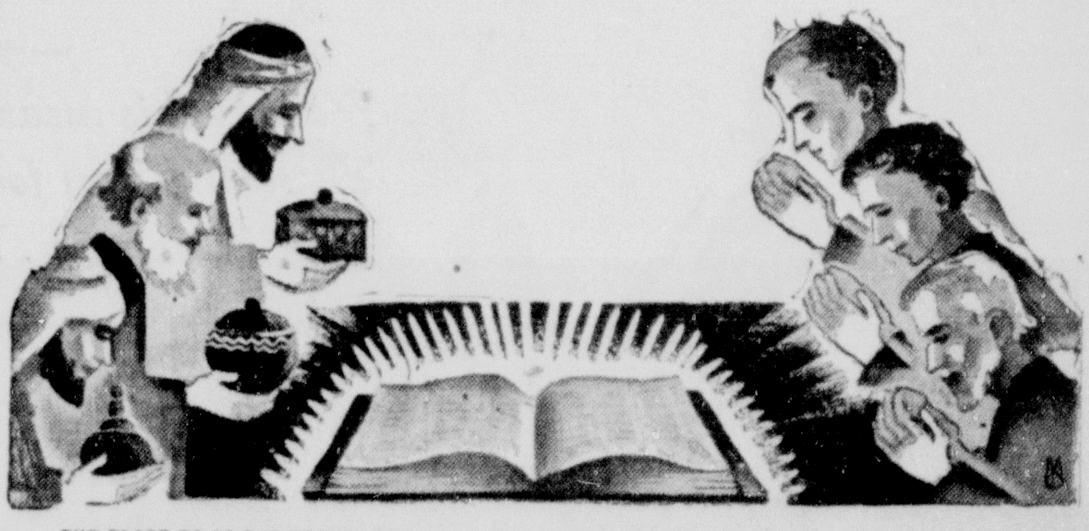

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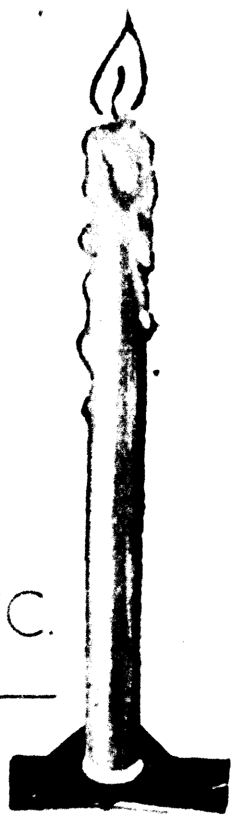

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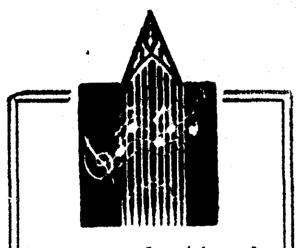

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D. Masur and Sons

Corner DeSiard and Grand Streets
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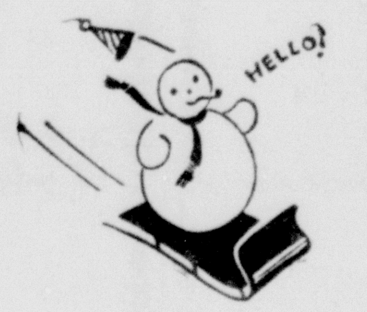

Our cheerful good wishes to you and all your family for a very Merry Christmas.

Hemp's Cafeteria

121 DeSiard

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May this Holiday Season be a Joyous one to you and yours and the New Year filled with Happiness and Prosperity.

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Perkins Ice Co.

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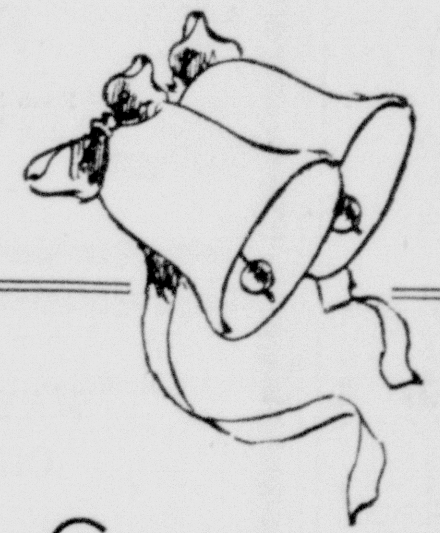

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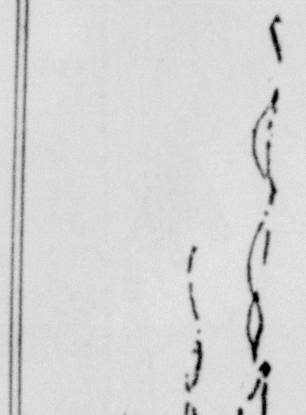

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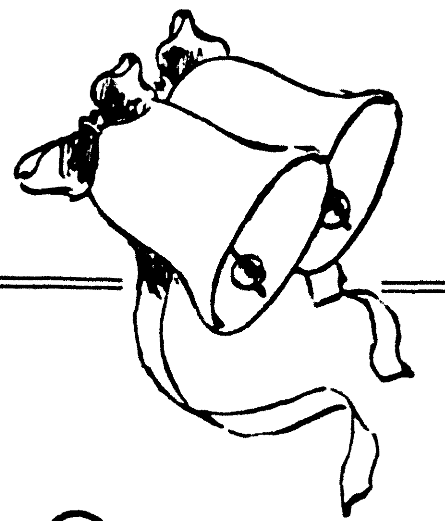

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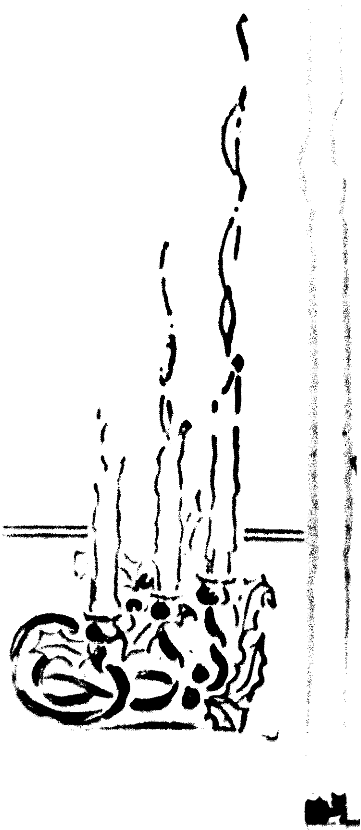

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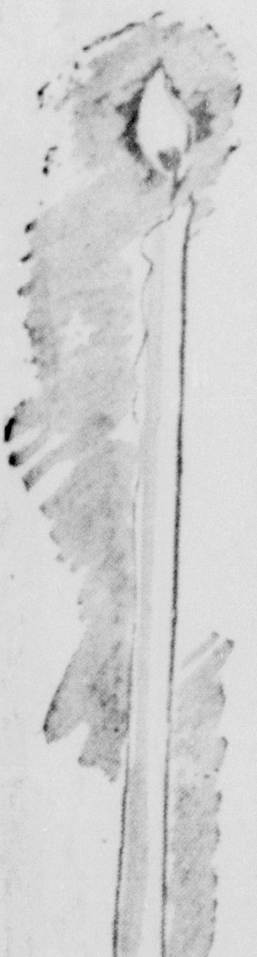

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101 North Grand Phone 4260

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York CHILDREN'S SHOP
230 DeSiard St.

A Very Merry Merry Christmas

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Ruth Shop

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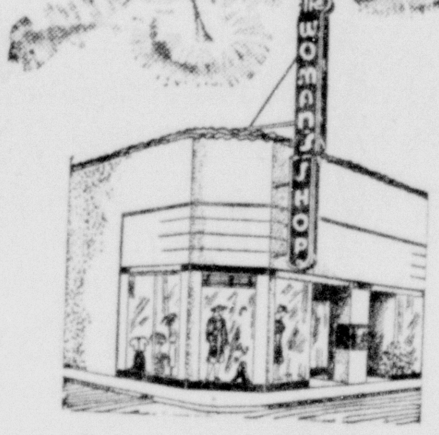

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DESIARD AT WALNUT STREET

Silent night . . . holy night . . . when the Babe of Bethlehem was born. Many were the gifts brought to Him: but so great was the gift He gave to mankind, that now we gleefully observe the anniversary of His birth. Through the centuries Christmas celebration has taken many forms—as in different lands it has been enjoyed in a variety of ways. However you spend this Christmas Day may it be one of jubilation around the clock!

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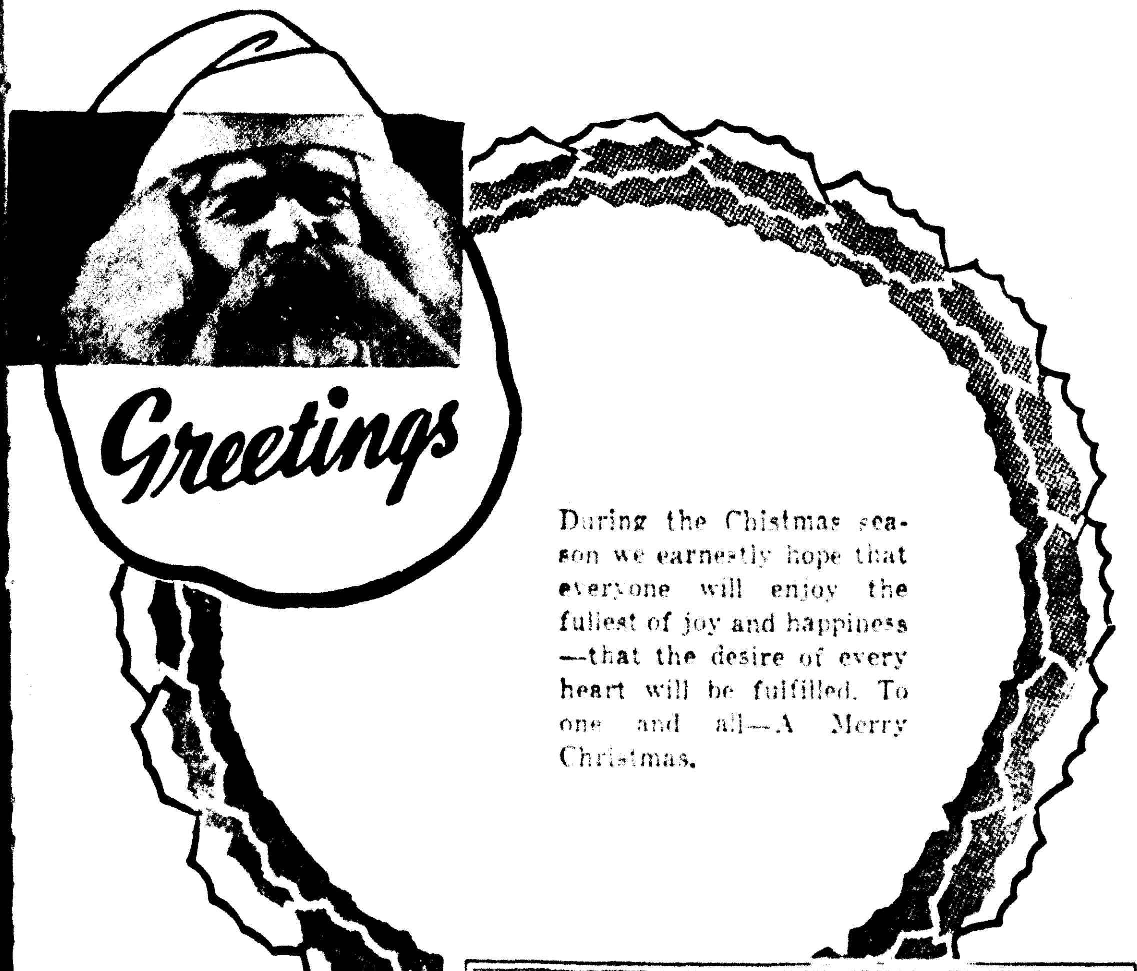

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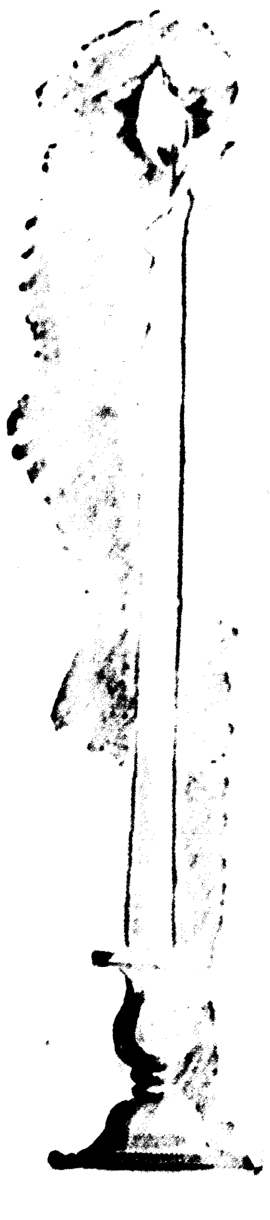

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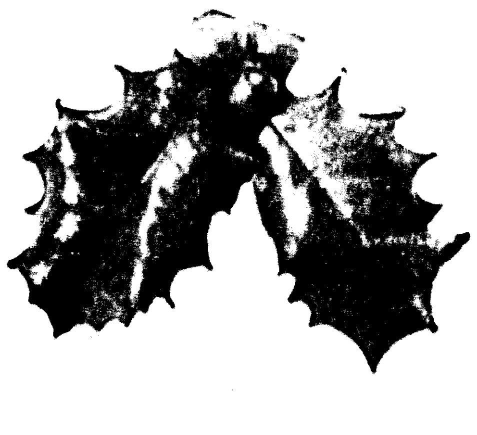

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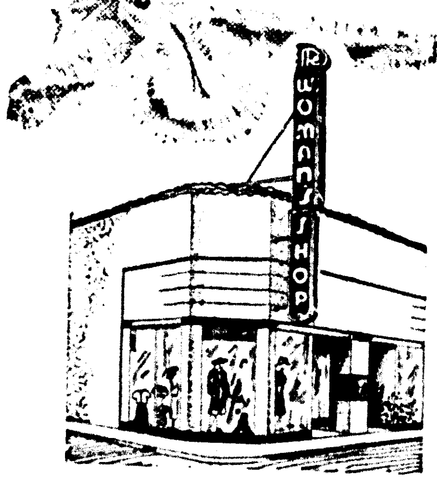

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Silent night . . . holy night . . . when the Babe of Bethlehem was born. Many were the gifts brought to Him: but so great was the gift He gave to mankind, that now we gleefully observe the anniversary of His birth. Through the centuries Christmas celebration has taken many forms—as in different lands it has been enjoyed in a variety of ways. However you spend this Christmas Day may it be one of jubilation around the clock!

Holloway & Thompson
203 DESIARD ST.

Friendly good wishes for the Merriest Christmas ever and the happiest New Year!

Royal Cleaners and Hatters
109 South Grand Street

BEST *Christmas* WISHES

To Each and Every One of Our Friends and Customers

SPATAFORA'S PHARMACY
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801 DeSiard St. Phone 2333

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MERRY XMAS
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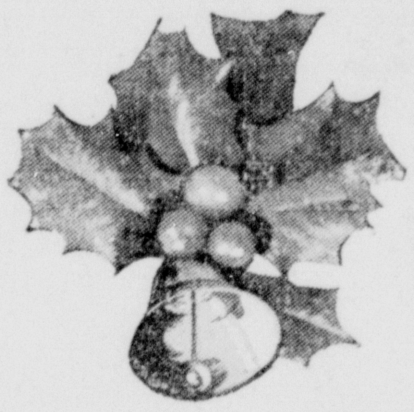

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Holiday Greetings

In keeping with the gay spirit of the holiday when greetings pass from friend to friend, we hope that your Christmas will be a merry one and that the New Year will bring you true happiness.

Style Shop
141 De Siard Street

Merry Christmas

Our wishes are as endless as the continuous, unbroken circle formed by the holly wreath which marks our doorway as one of Christmas cheer!

KALISKI JEWELRY CO.
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Christmas Cheer

On this glorious day we want to express our sincere thanks for your patronage during the past year; to wish each and everyone of you Christmas cheer unlimited, and bright and shining fulfillment of your hope in 1945!

MAY & GUTHRIE HARDWARE CO.
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To our many friends and clients, may we extend our best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous and happy New Year.

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The Christmas season gives us an opportunity to extend a warm and sincere greeting to each of our friends.

May all the joys of the holiday season be yours and may its spell of happiness last throughout the New Year.

SILVERSTEIN'S
WOMEN'S
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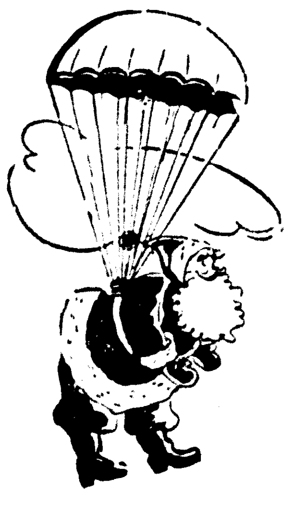

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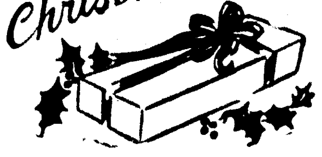

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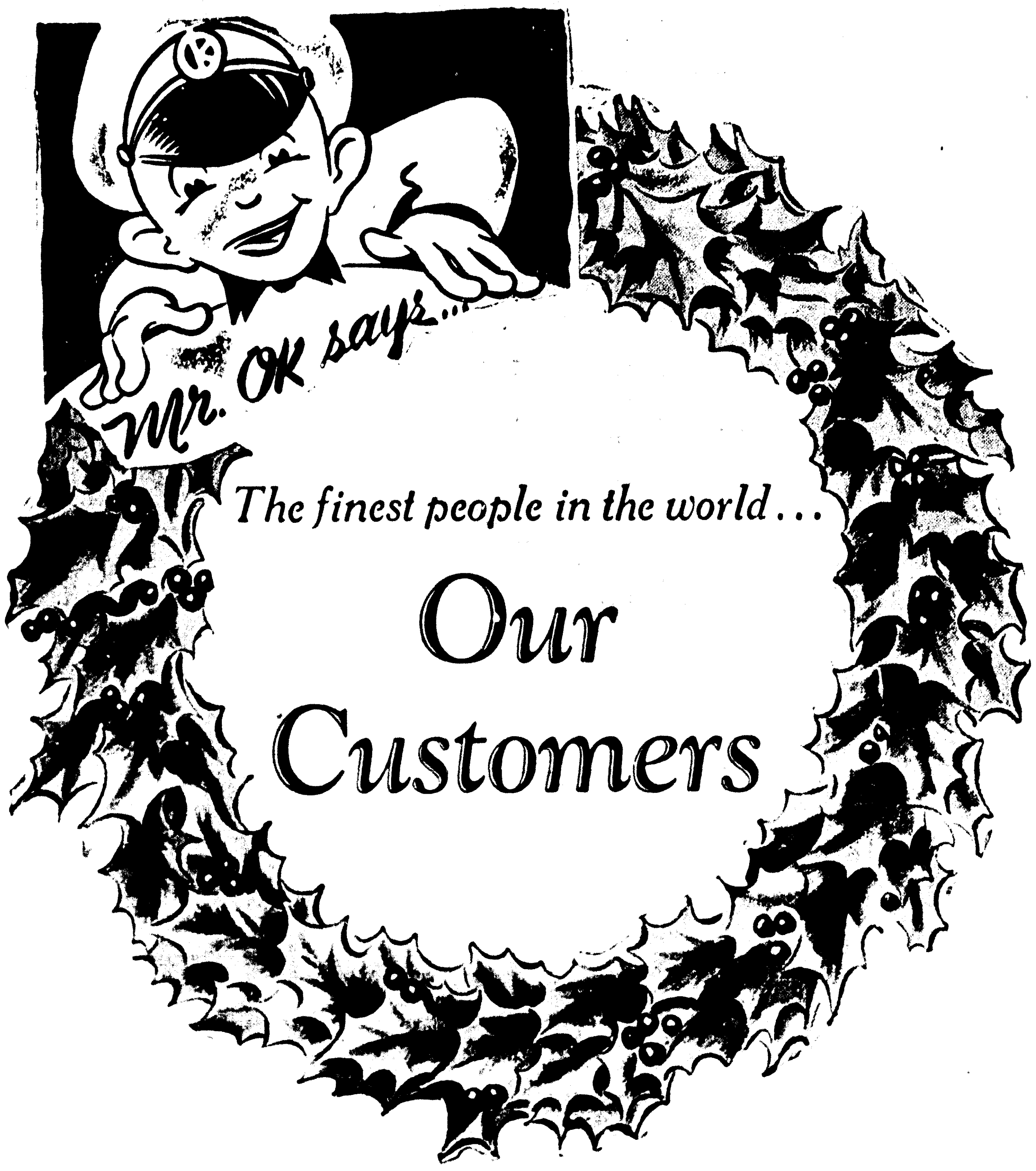
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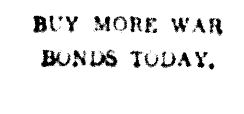

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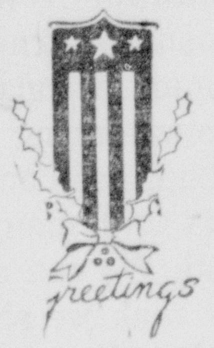

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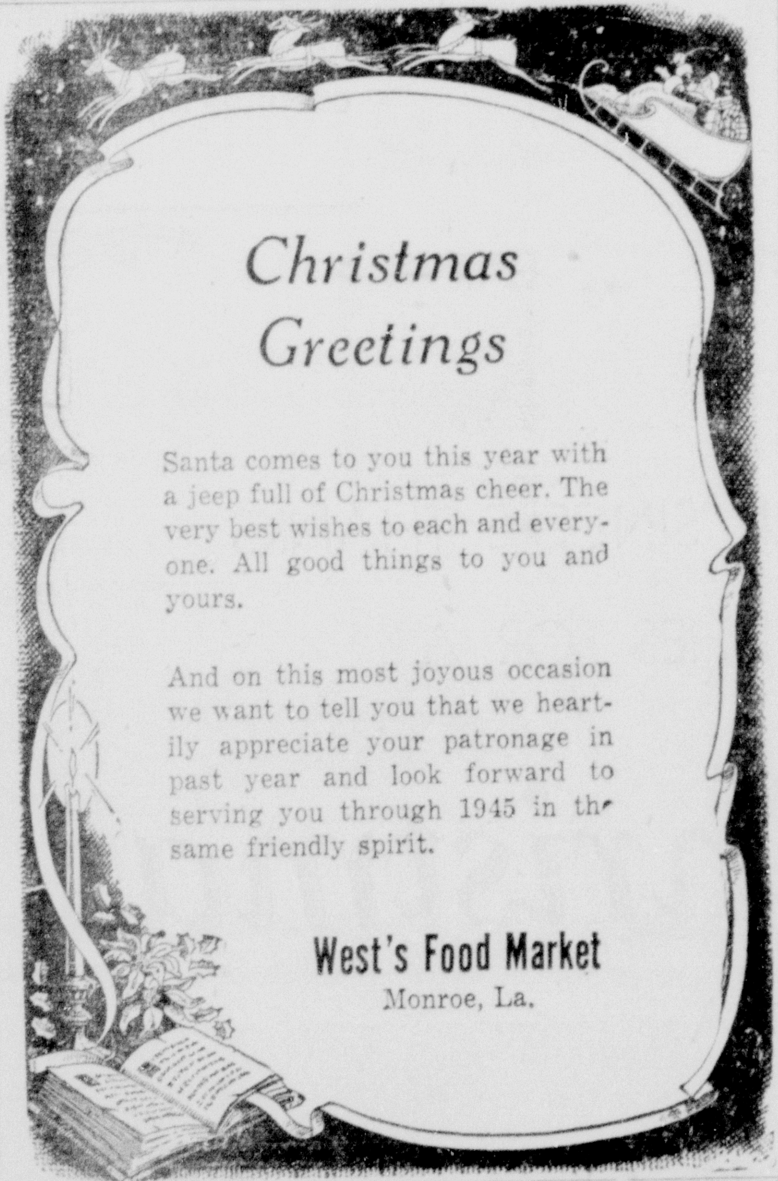

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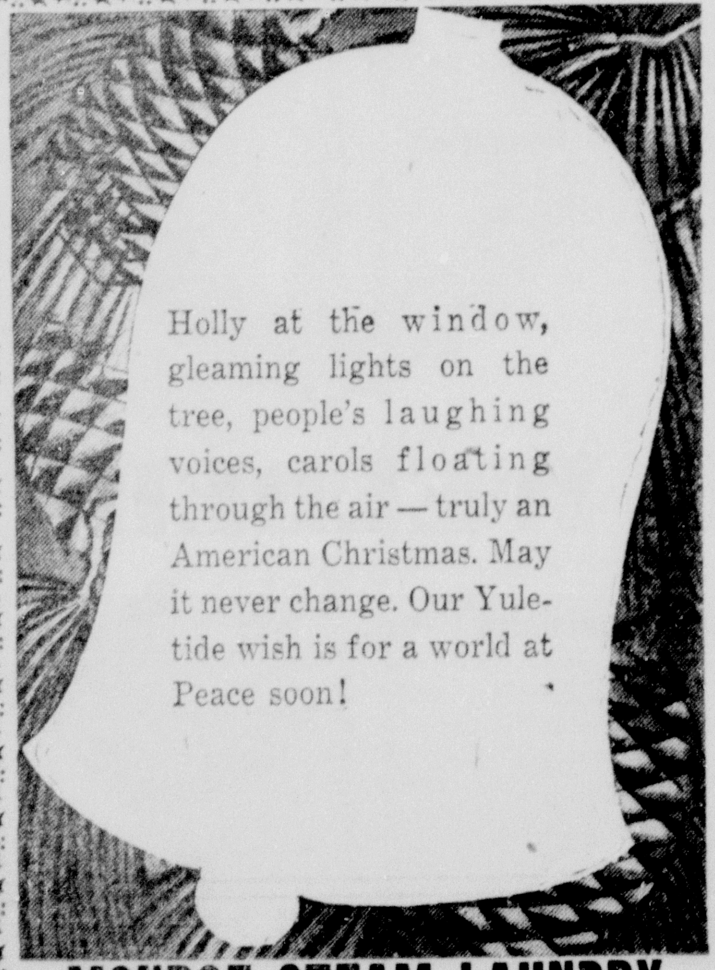

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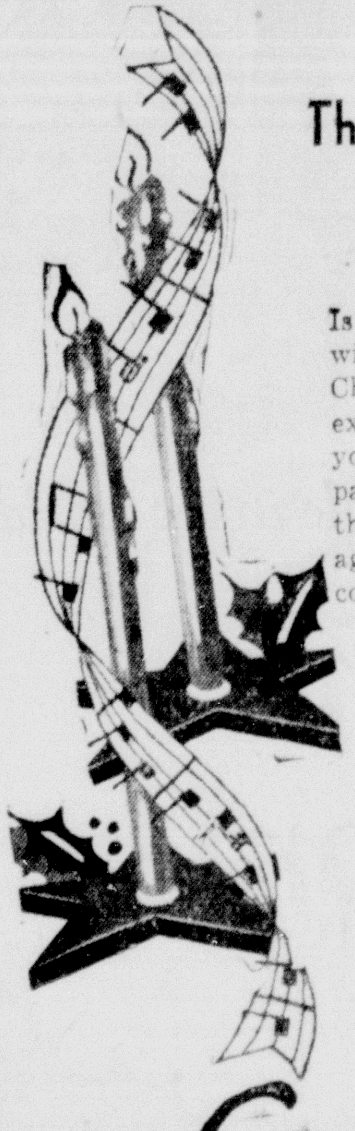

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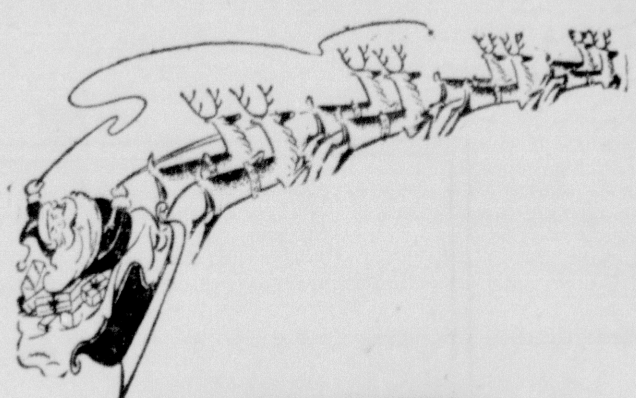

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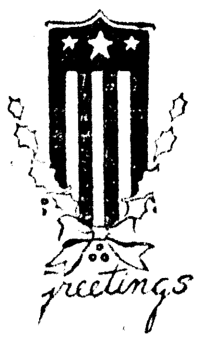

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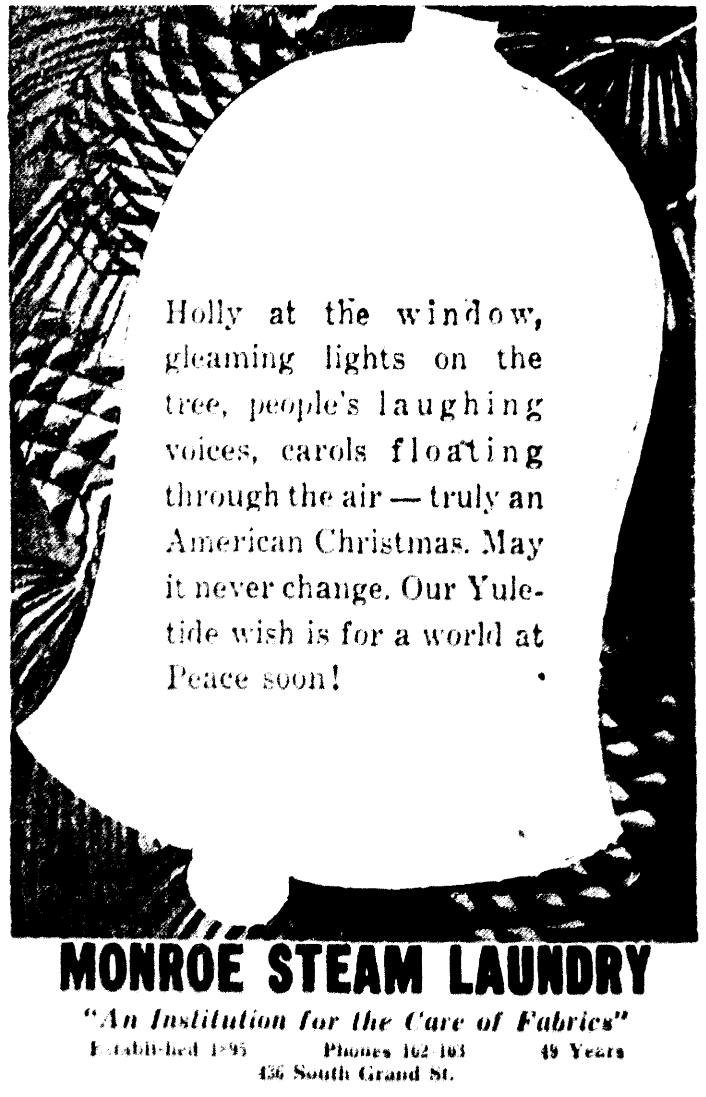

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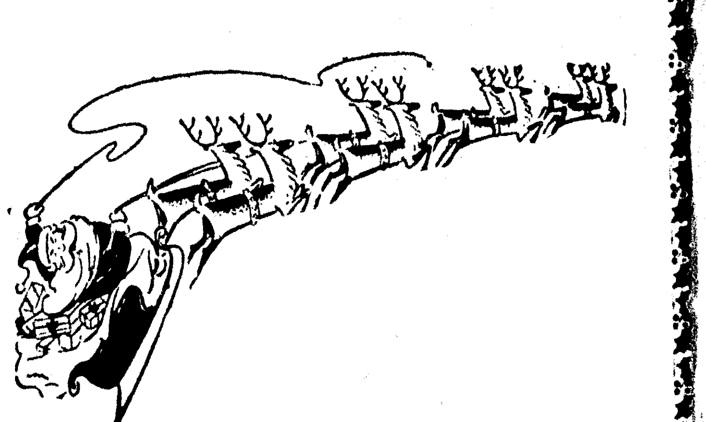

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DANNA'S SHOE SHOP

204 Jackson St.

Merry Christmas

Greetings of the season to our customers and their families and all service men and women.

MARY'S FLOWER SHOP

135 North Second Phone 682

Compliments OF THE SEASON

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Virginia Hotel Bldg. Phone 106

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OUR EMPLOYES JOIN US

24-HOUR SERVICE

CENTRAL TOWER SERVICE

Louisville Avenue

May This Be A Very Merry Holiday Season For You

MAY GOOD HEALTH AND HAPPINESS BE WITH YOU THROUGHOUT THE NEW YEAR

As another Christmas rolls around we feel that we have an obligation of gratitude to friends who have made possible a certain amount of progress and prosperity for our organization. We ask a continuance of your patronage that we may serve you in a courteous and efficient manner.

MONROE PRINTING CO.

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A Very Merry Christmas to You All

And best wishes for the New Year.

Dr. Bert Heinberg

Optometrist

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SUTTON'S

Service Station

512 N. 3rd Ph. 114

Holiday Greetings

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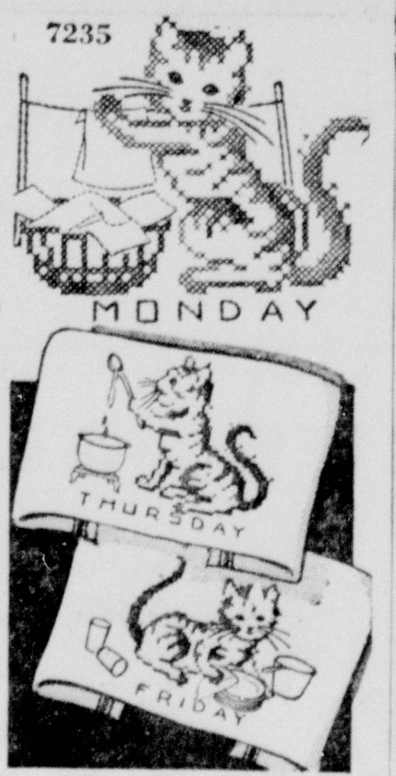
Park Avenue Spaghetti Garden

Fascinating To Do



by Alice Brooks

Cross-stitch kitten (8-to-the-inch crosses) get involved in household tasks and end up by making your kitchen gay with colorful towels.

Start these towels now. Patter 7235 contains a transfer pattern of 7 motifs 5 1/2x8 inches! list of materials; stitches.

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115 DeSiard

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Christmas Spirit

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1011 DeSiard

Noel

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GEORGE TONORE FOOD STORE

801 Louisville Phone 2000

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JULIUS & SON

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The NEW DIXIE LUNCH ROOM

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Jack Womack and Frank Palmos, Owners

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Best Wishes for the Christmas Season and the New Year

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GREEN MILL INN

225 Walnut

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100 lbs. of waste paper makes 50 casings for 75 mm. shells. Speed victory by saving waste paper.

SAVE
A BUNDLE A WEEK
SAVE SOME BOY'S LIFE

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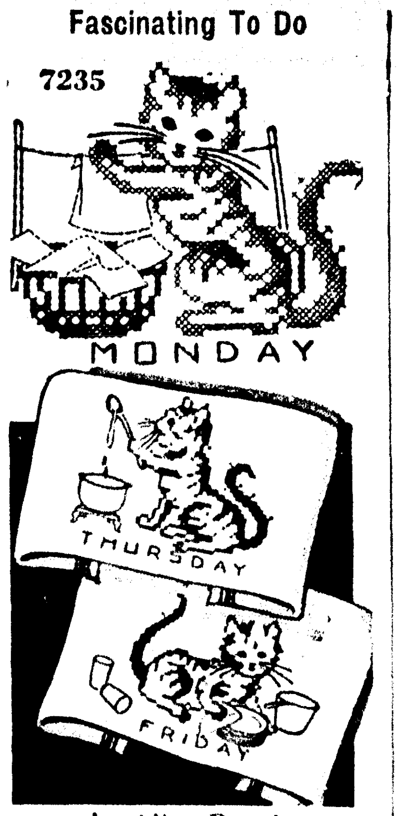

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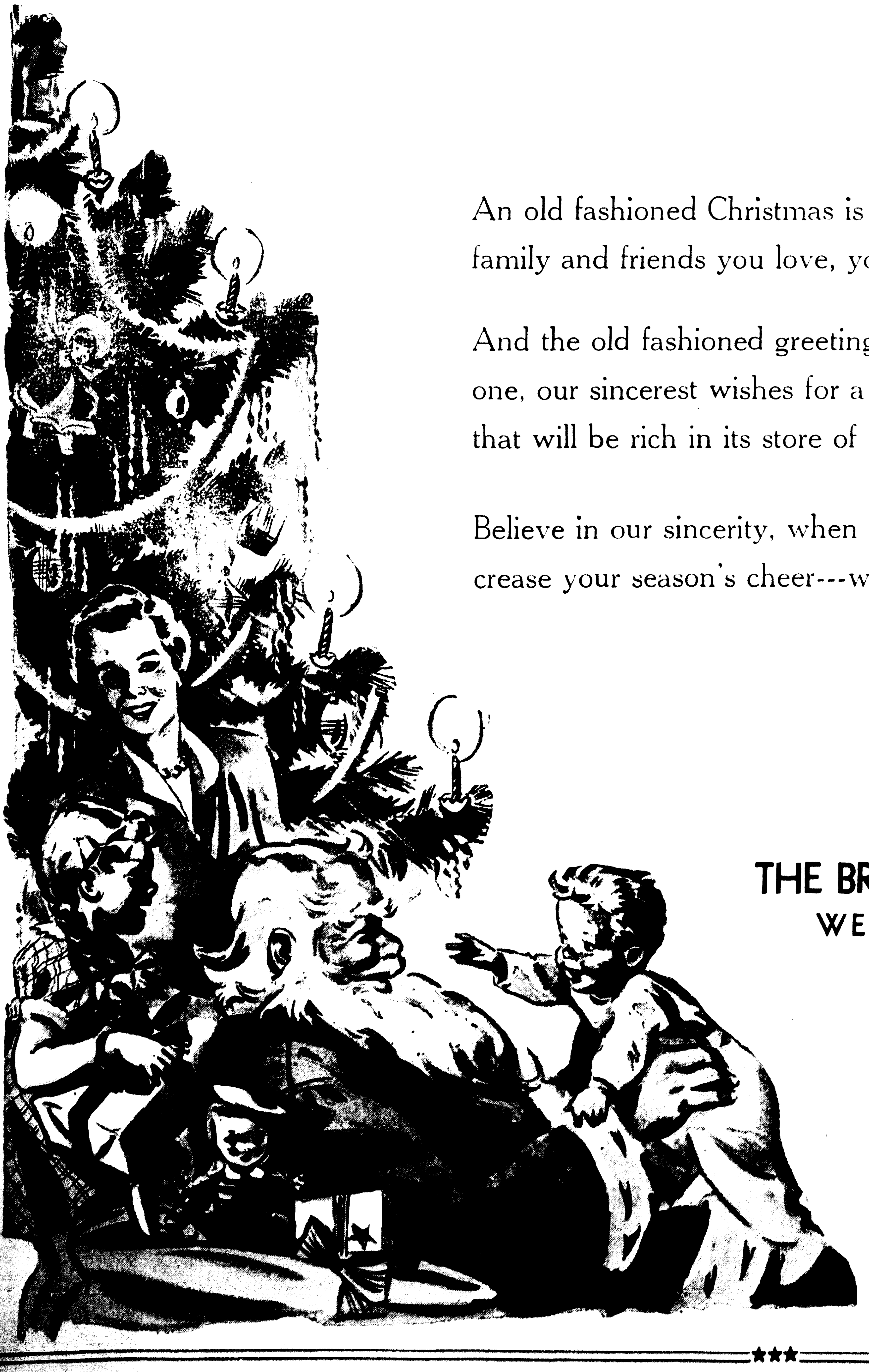

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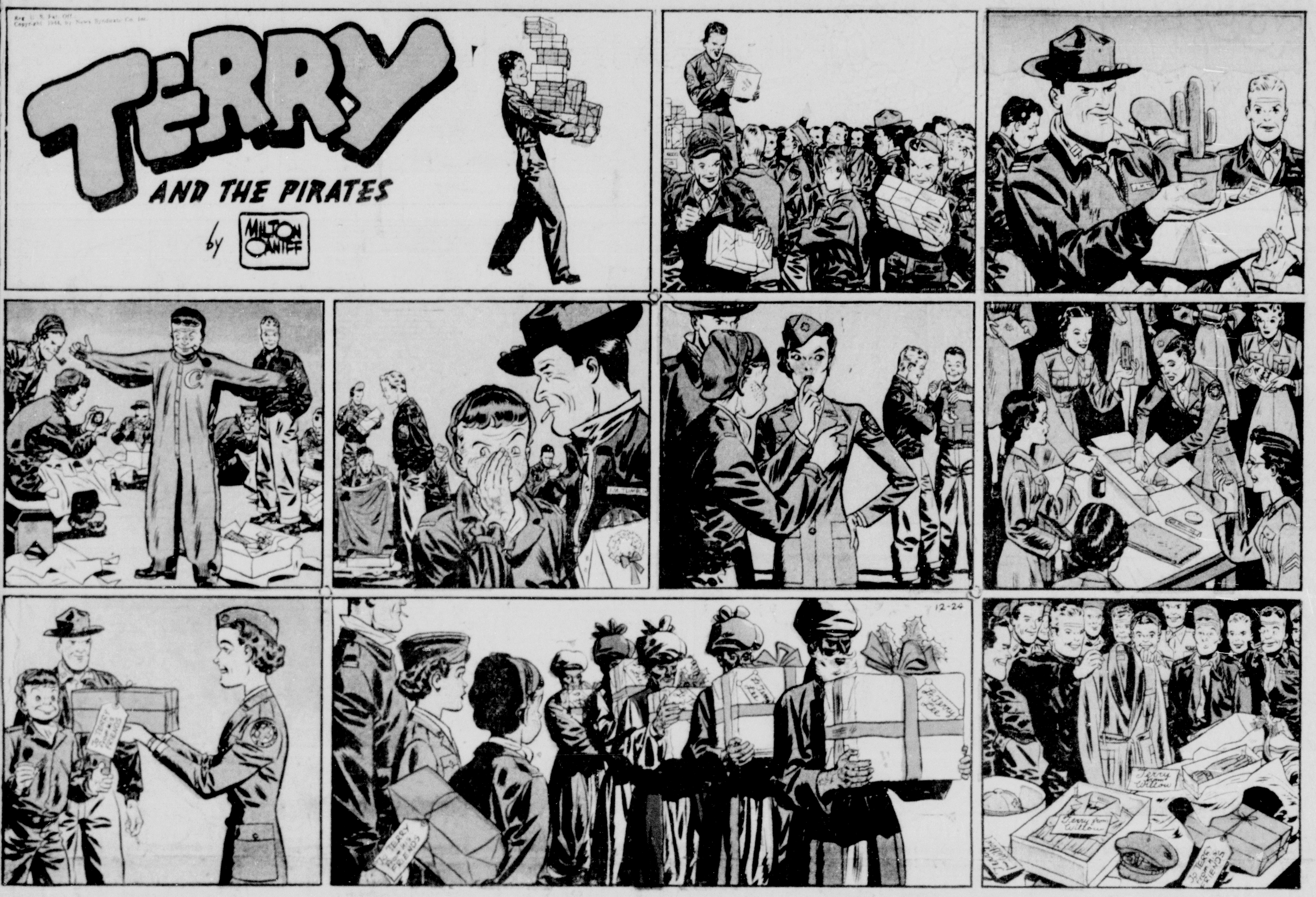
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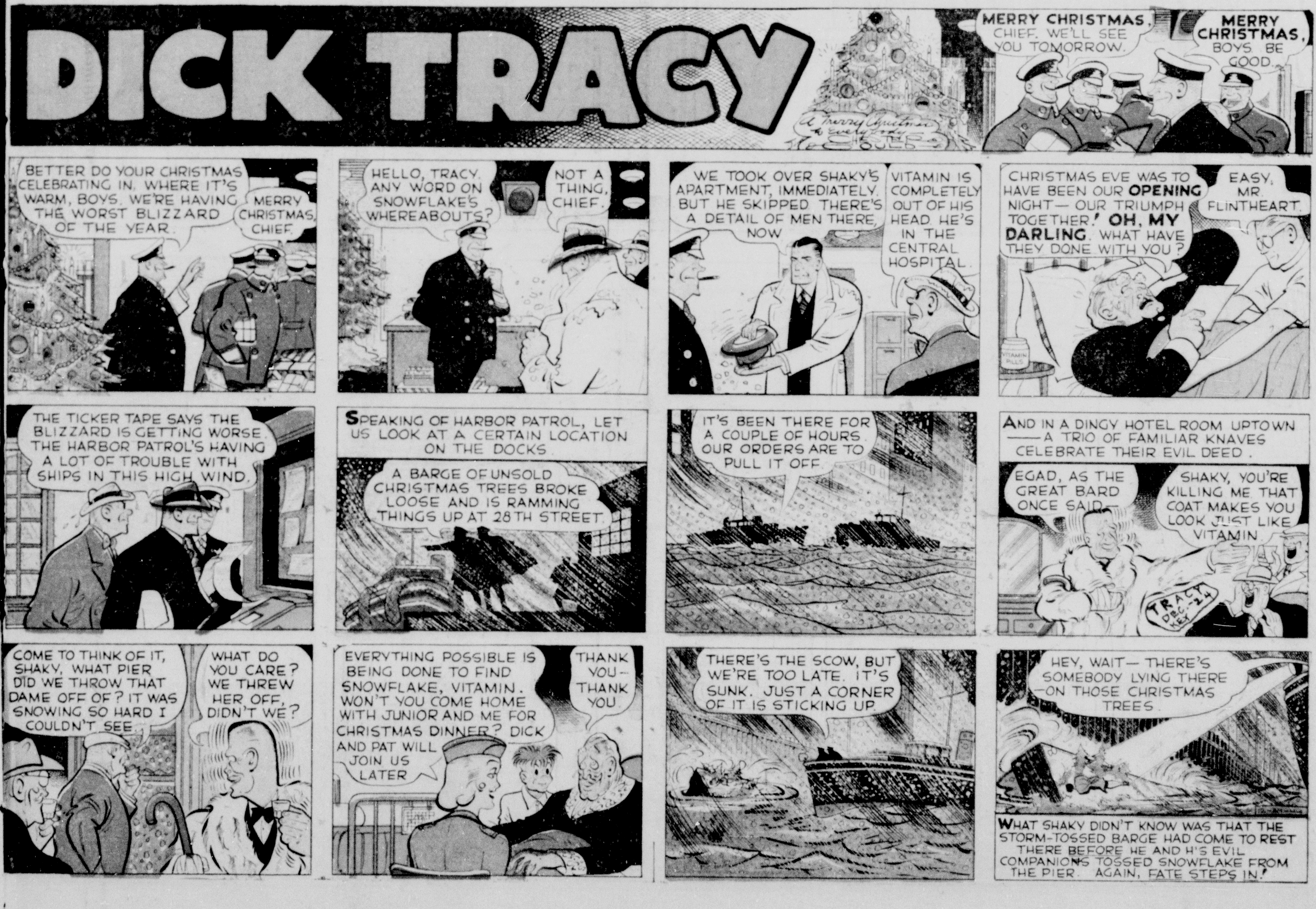
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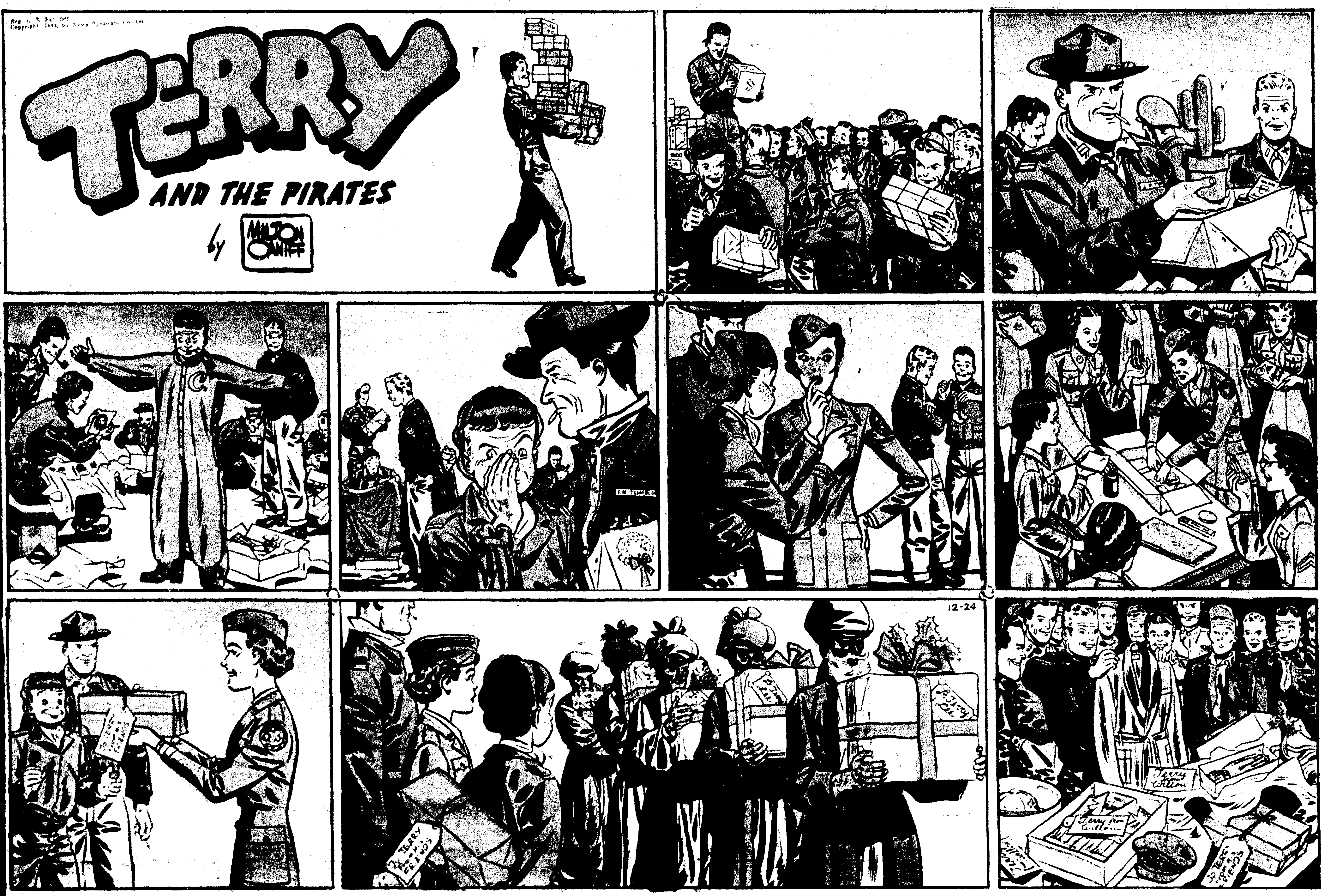
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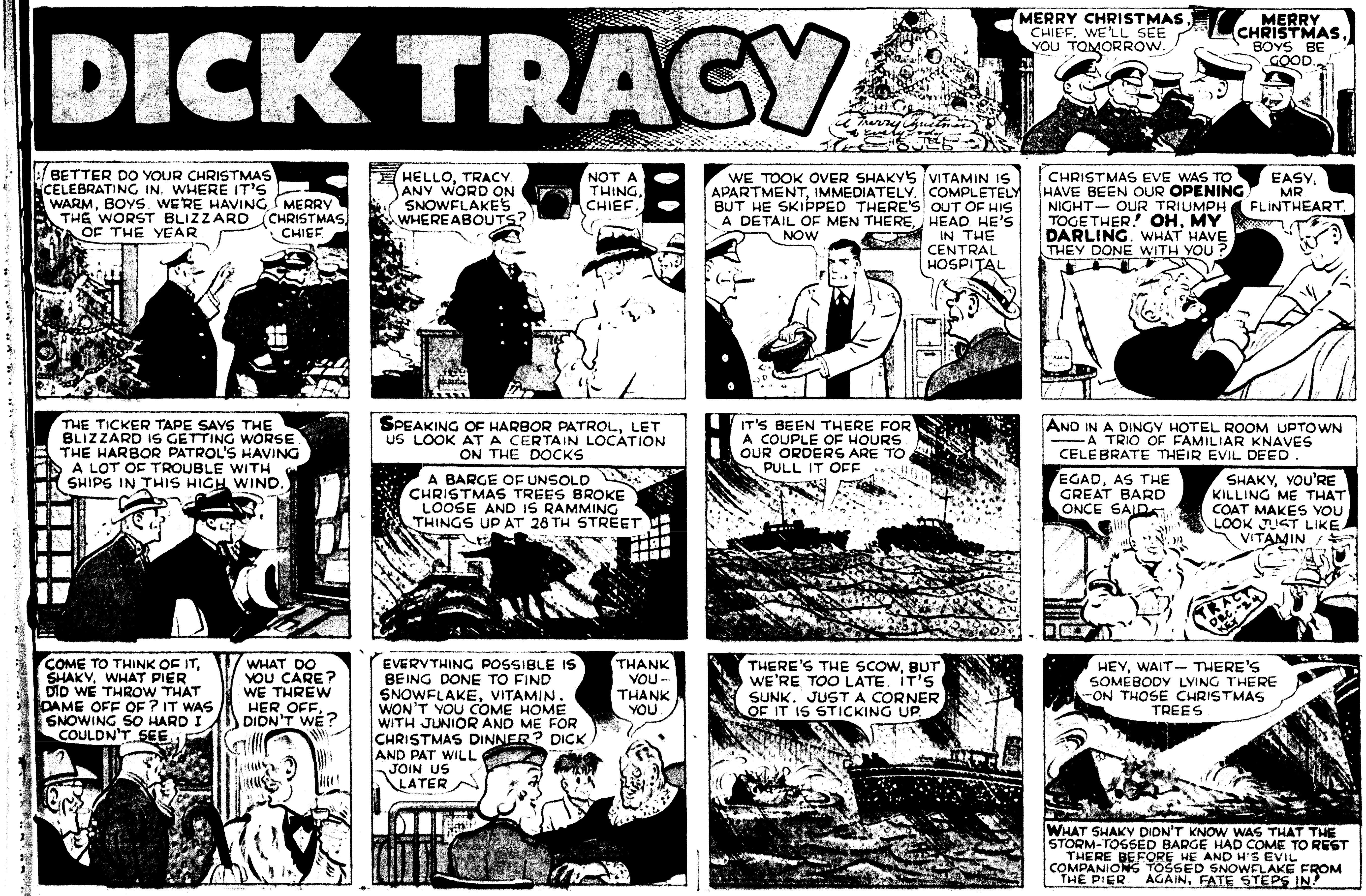
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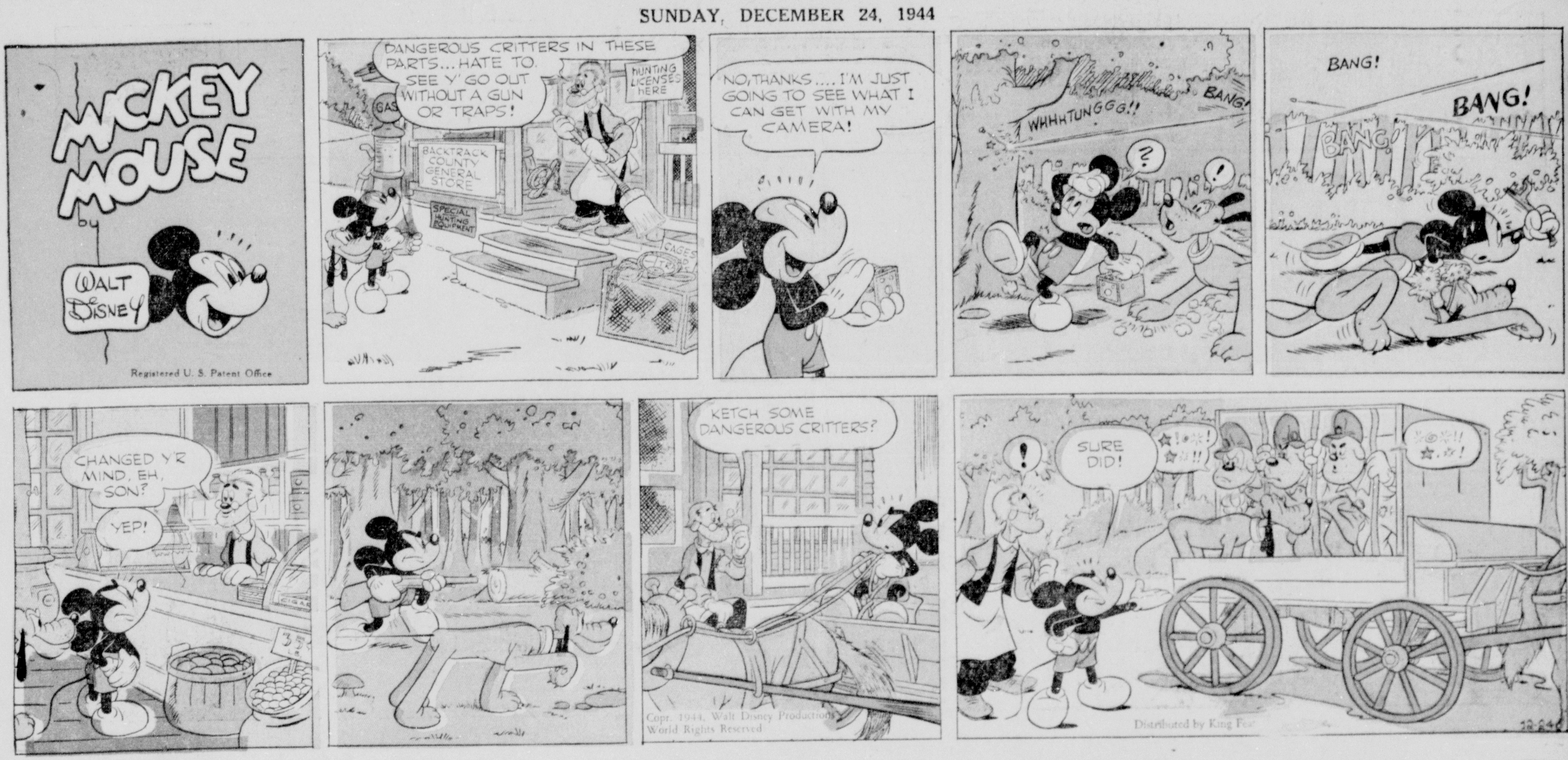
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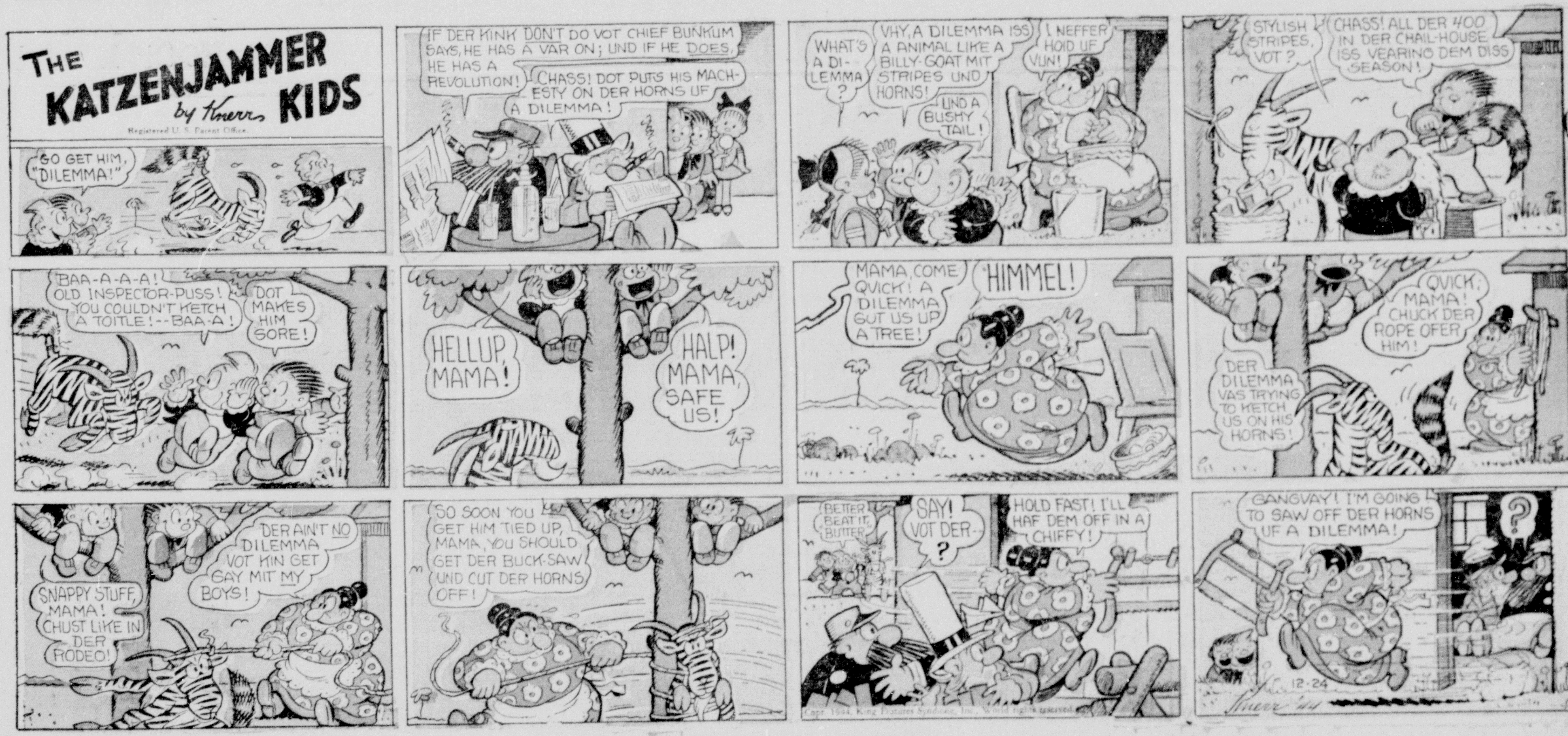
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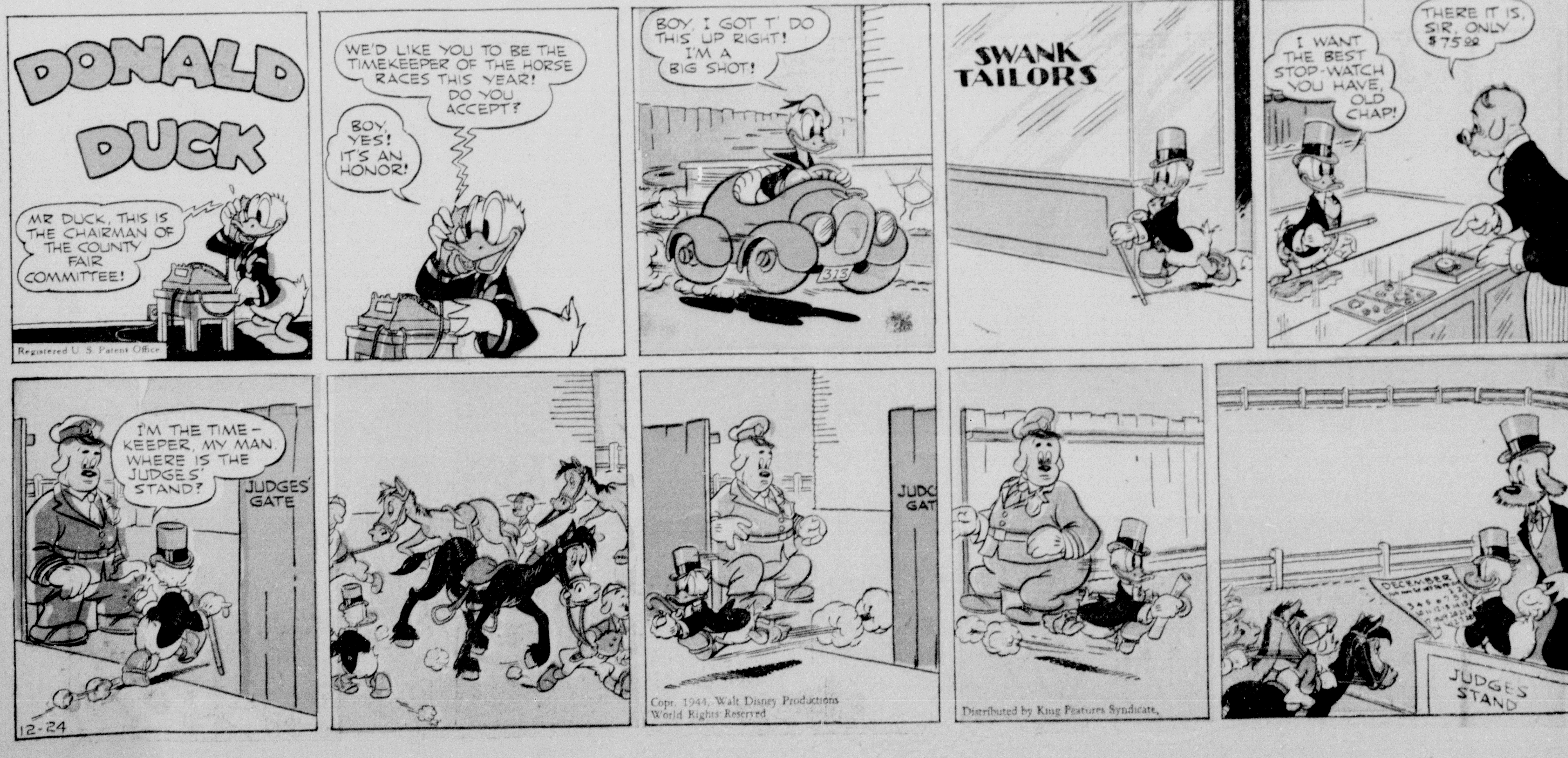
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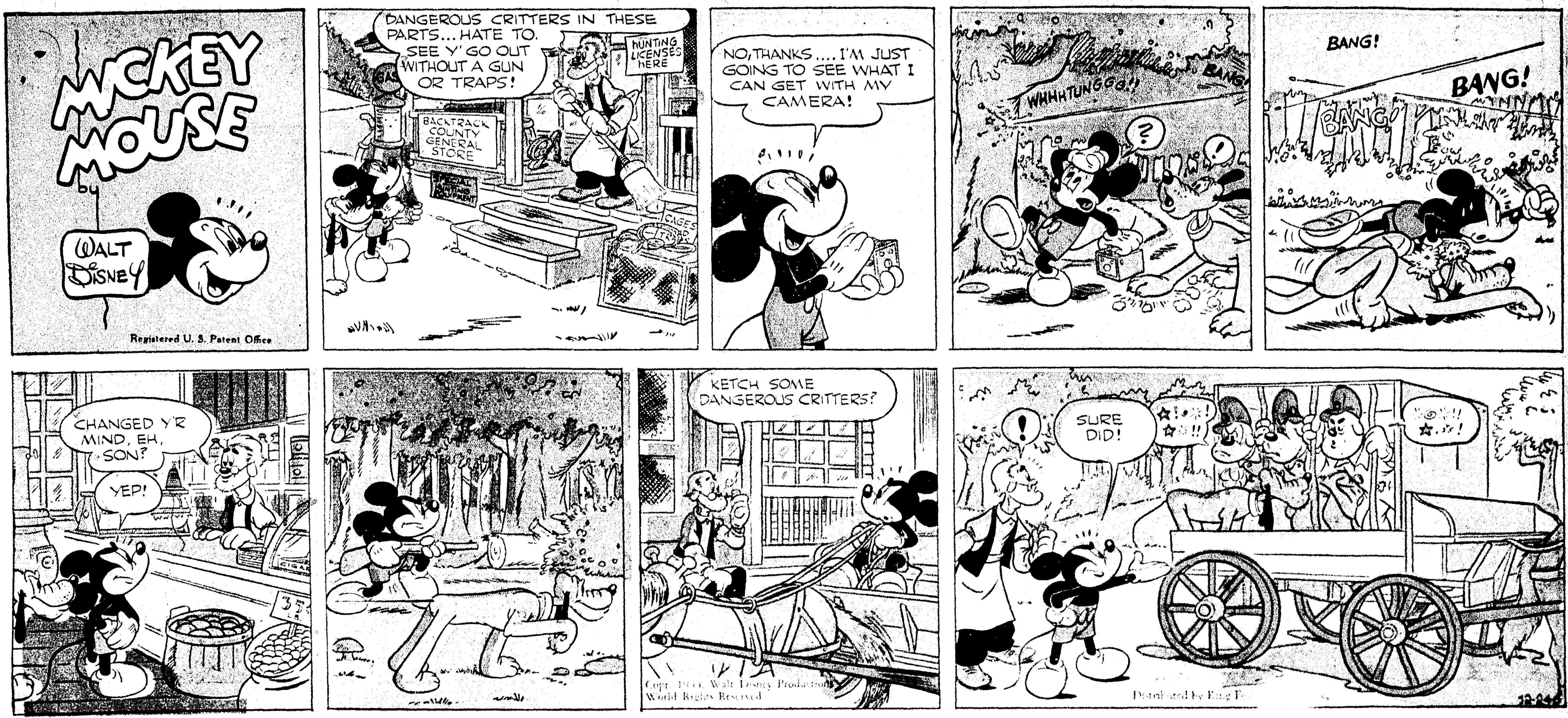
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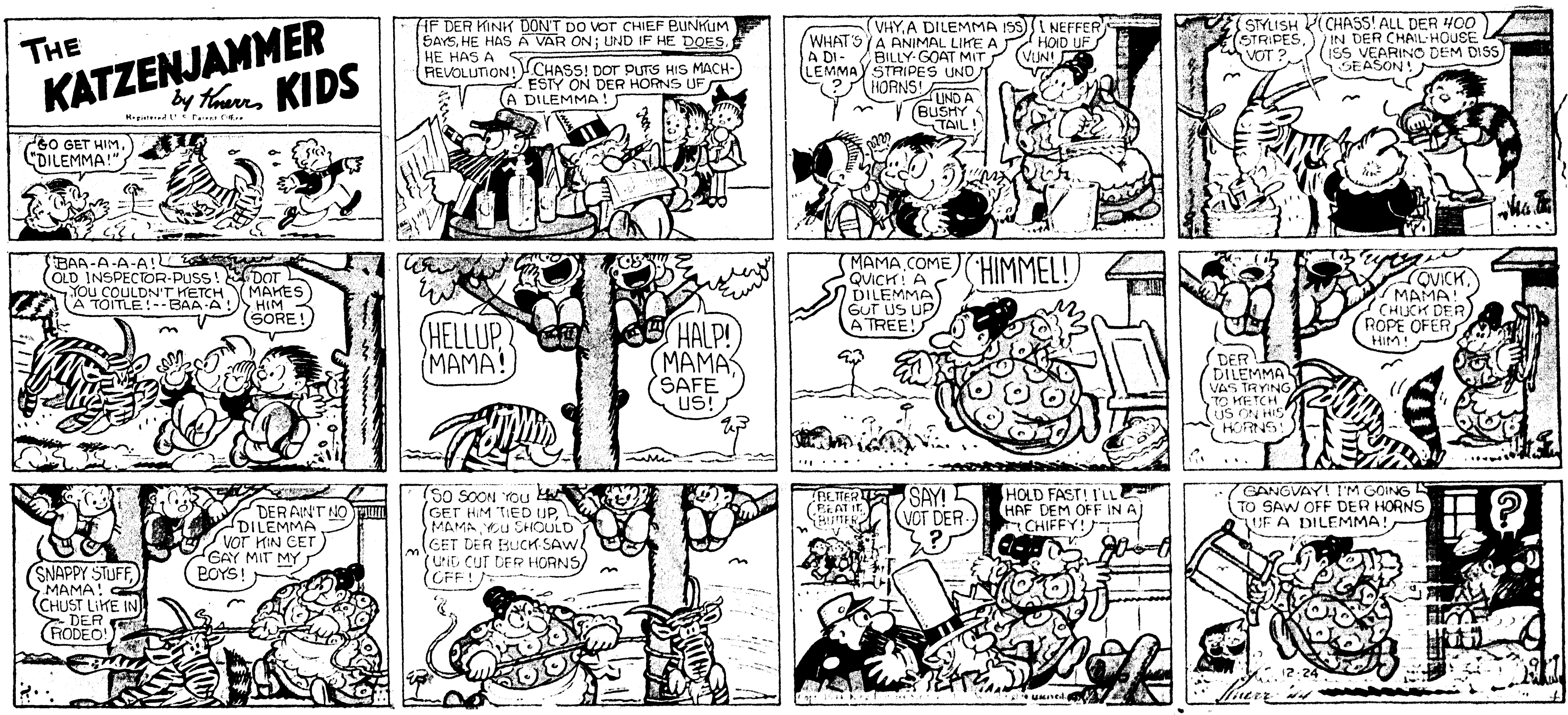
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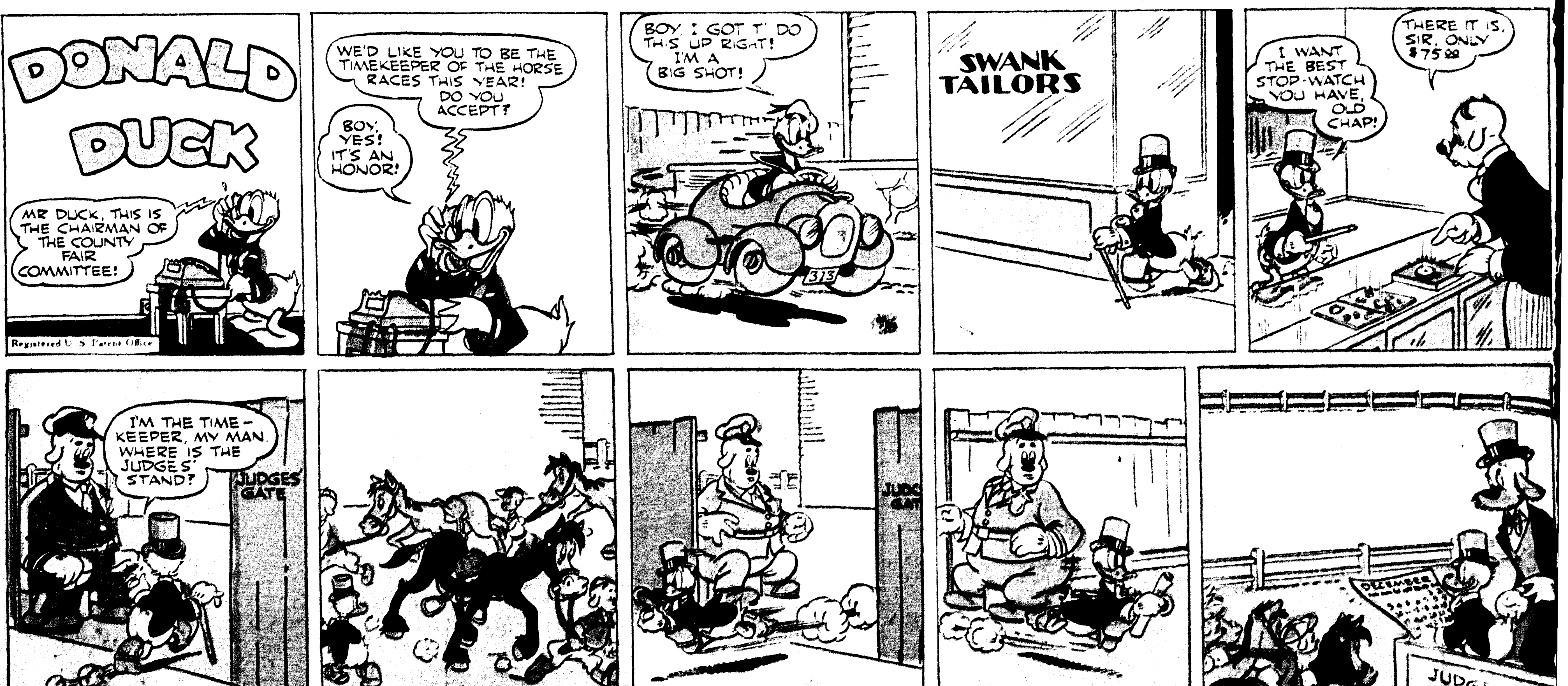
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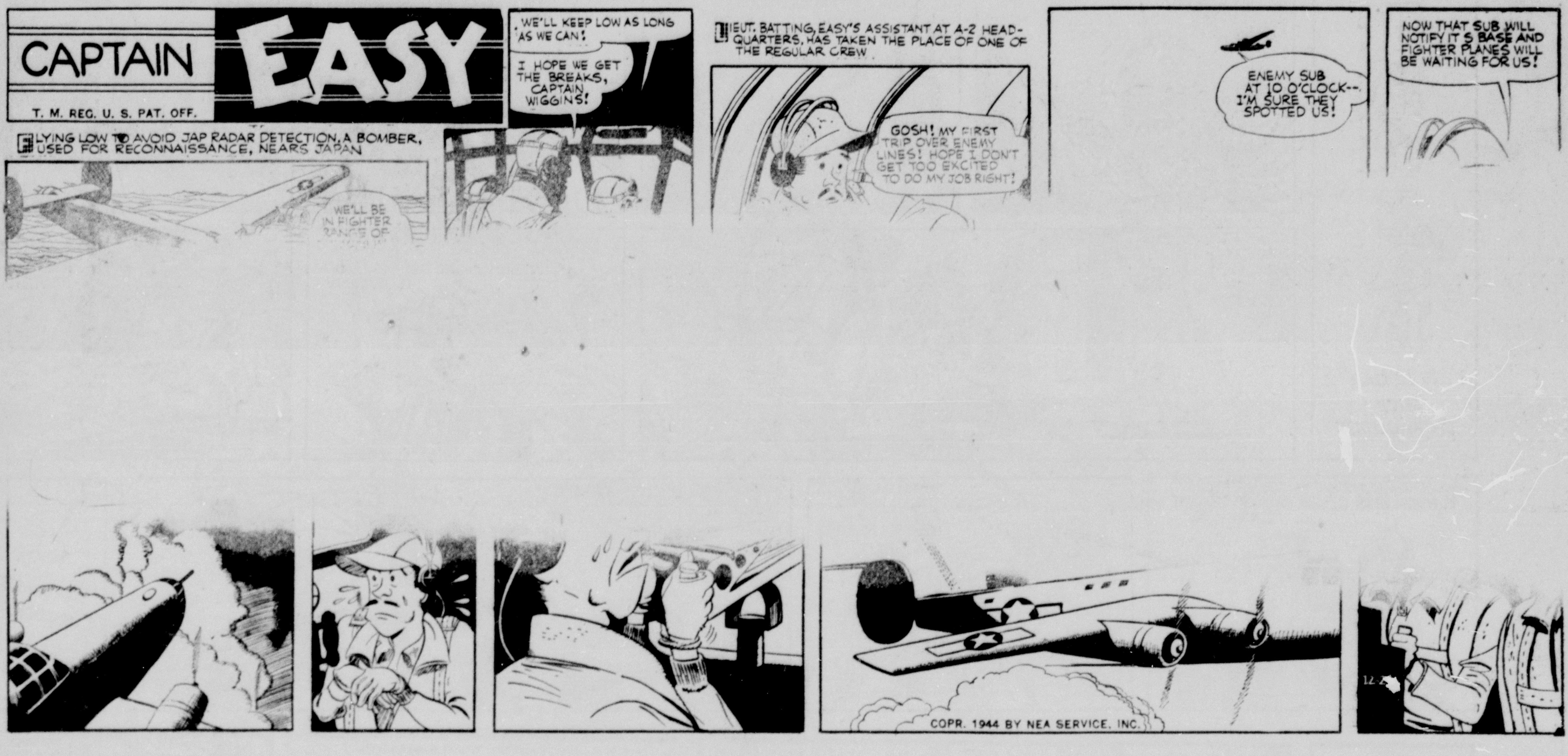
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I HOPE WE GET THE BREAKS, CAPTAIN WIGGINS!
LIEUT. BATTING, EASY'S ASSISTANT AT A-2 HEADQUARTERS, HAS TAKEN THE PLACE OF ONE OF THE REGULAR CREW
GOSH! MY FIRST TRIP OVER ENEMY LINES! HOPE I DON'T GET TOO EXCITED TO DO MY JOB RIGHT!
ENEMY SUB AT 10 O'CLOCK-- I'M SURE THEY SPOTTED US!
NOW THAT SUB WILL NOTIFY IT S BASE AND FIGHTER PLANES WILL BE WAITING FOR US!
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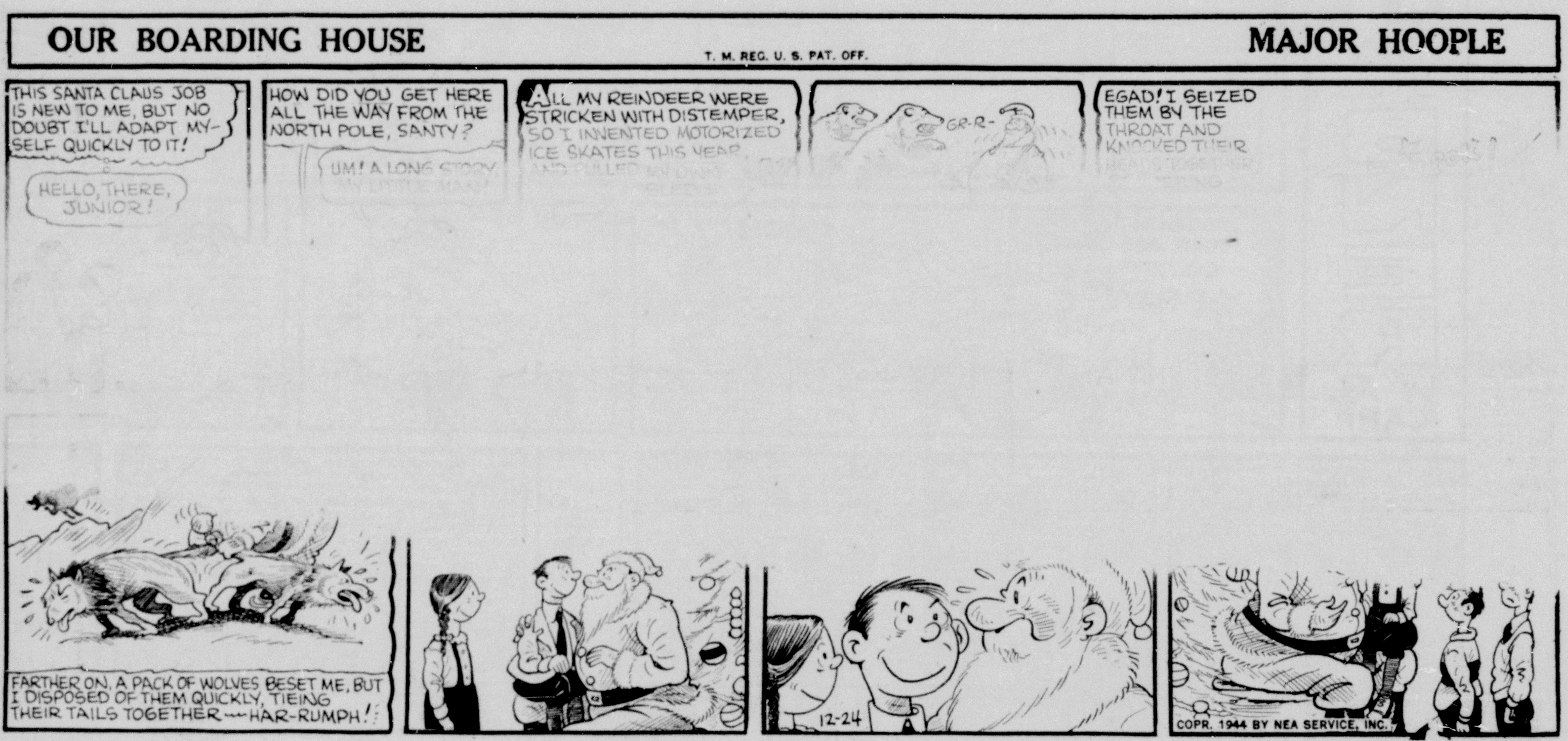
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MAJOR HOOPLE
THIS SANTA CLAUS JOB IS NEW TO ME, BUT NO DOUBT I'LL ADAPT MYSELF QUICKLY TO IT!
HELLO, THERE, JUNIOR!
HOW DID YOU GET HERE ALL THE WAY FROM THE NORTH POLE, SANTY?
UM! A LONG STORY MY LITTLE MAN!
ALL MY REINDEER WERE STRICKEN WITH DISTEMPER, SO I INVENTED MOTORIZED ICE SKATES THIS YEAR AND PULLED MY OWN SLED
GR-R-
EGAD! I SEIZED THEM BY THE THROAT AND KNOCKED THEIR HEADS TOGETHER
FARTHER ON, A PACK OF WOLVES BESET ME, BUT I DISPOSED OF THEM QUICKLY, TIEING THEIR TAILS TOGETHER — HAR-RUMPH!
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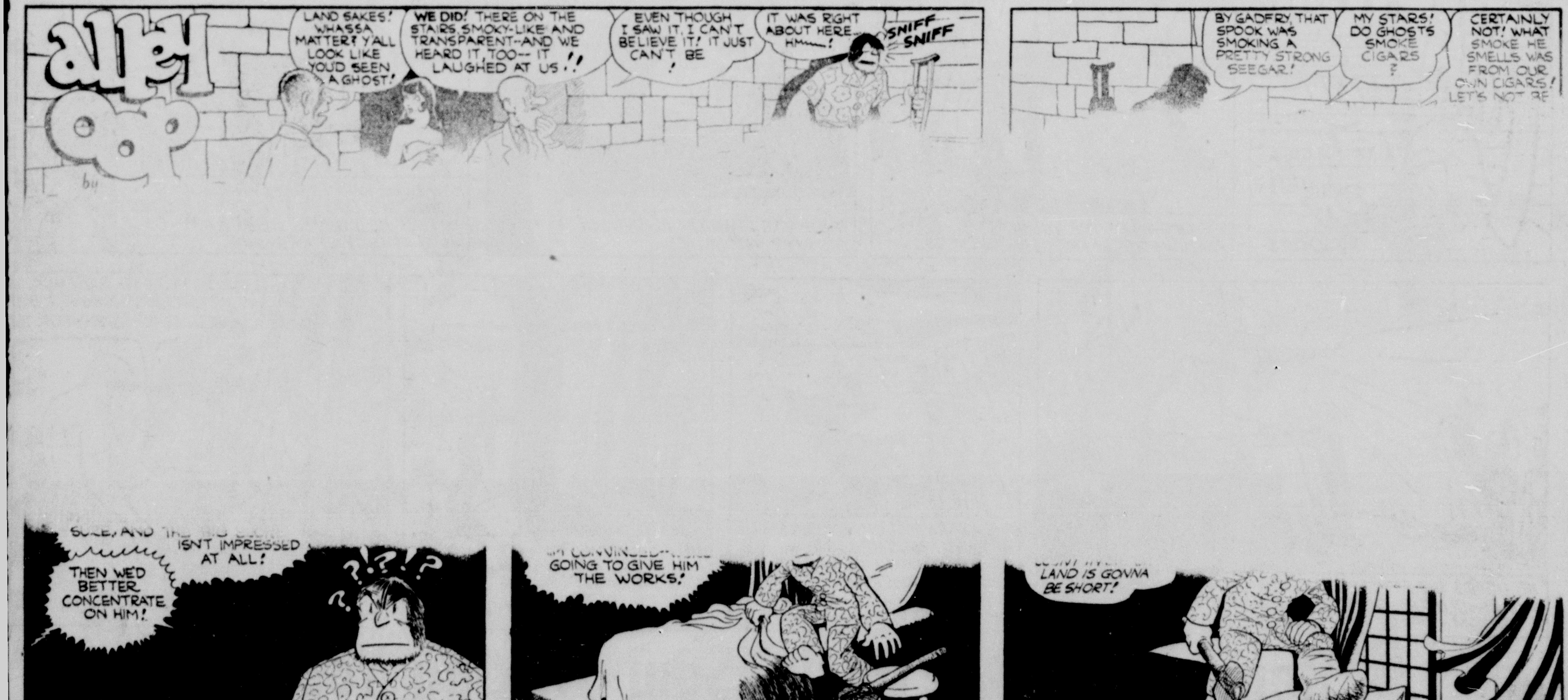
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WE DID! THERE ON THE STAIRS, SMOKY-LIKE AND TRANSPARENT--AND WE HEARD IT, TOO-- IT LAUGHED AT US!!
EVEN THOUGH I SAW IT, I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! IT JUST CAN'T BE!
IT WAS RIGHT ABOUT HERE... HM—!
SNIFF SNIFF
BY GADFRY, THAT SPOOK WAS SMOKING A PRETTY STRONG SEEGAR!
MY STARS! DO GHOSTS SMOKE CIGARS?
CERTAINLY NOT! WHAT SMOKE HE SMELLS WAS FROM OUR OWN CIGARS! LET'S NOT BE
ISN'T IMPRESSED AT ALL!
THEN WE'D BETTER CONCENTRATE ON HIM!
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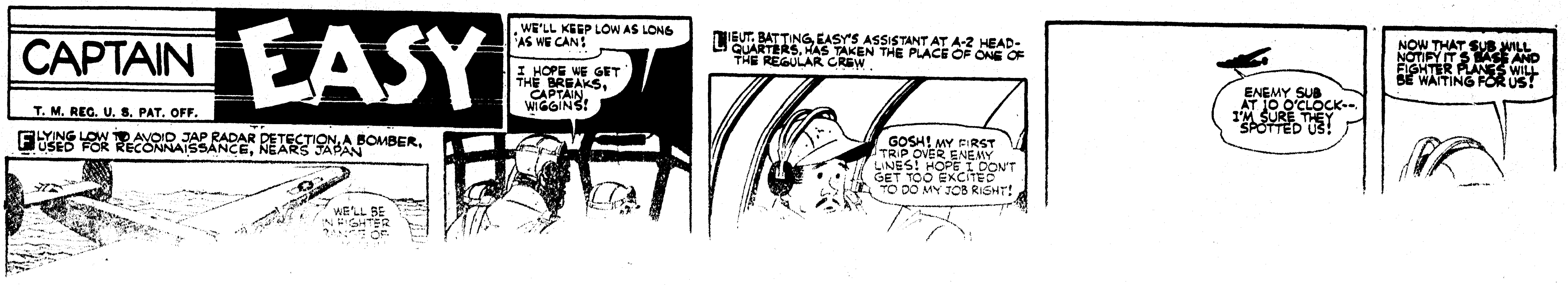
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I HOPE WE GET THE BREAKS, CAPTAIN WIGGINS!
LIEUT. BATTING, EASY'S ASSISTANT AT A-2 HEADQUARTERS, HAS TAKEN THE PLACE OF ONE OF THE REGULAR CREW
GOSH! MY FIRST TRIP OVER ENEMY LINES! HOPE I DON'T GET TOO EXCITED TO DO MY JOB RIGHT!
ENEMY SUB AT 10 O'CLOCK--. I'M SURE THEY SPOTTED US!
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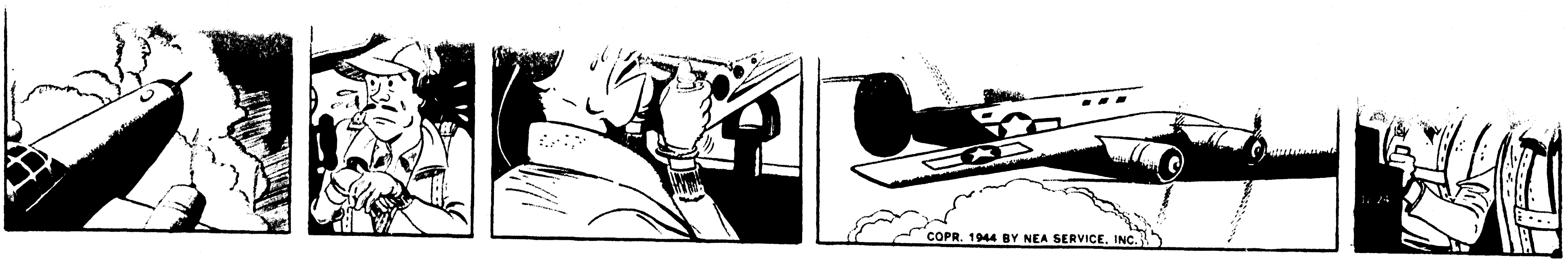
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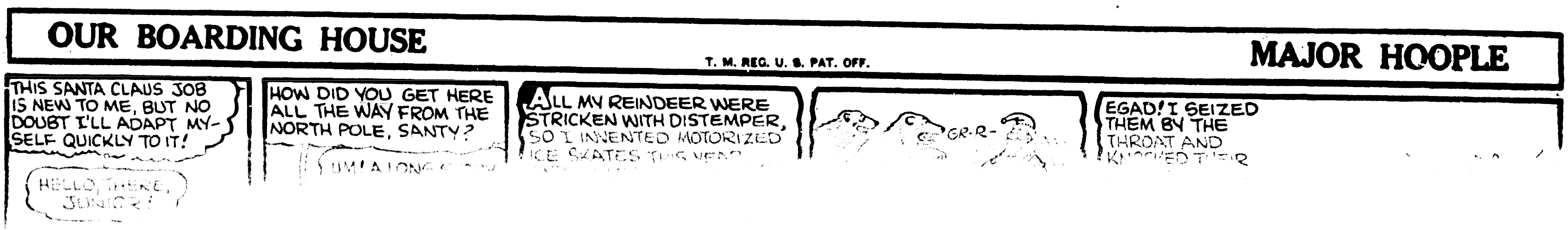
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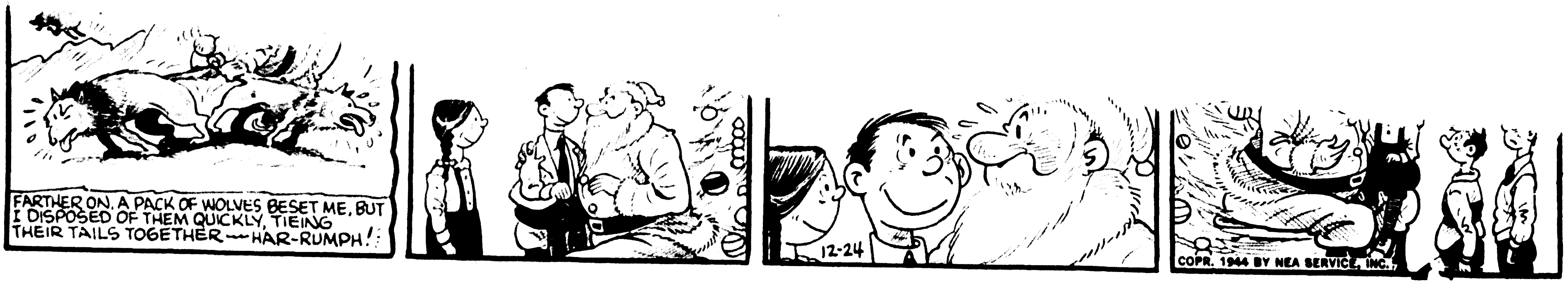
THIS SANTA CLAUS JOB IS NEW TO ME, BUT NO DOUBT I'LL ADAPT MYSELF QUICKLY TO IT!
HELLO, THERE, JUNIOR!
HOW DID YOU GET HERE ALL THE WAY FROM THE NORTH POLE, SANTY?
ALL MY REINDEER WERE STRICKEN WITH DISTEMPER, SO I INVENTED MOTORIZED ICE SKATES THIS YEAR
GR-R-
EGAD! I SEIZED THEM BY THE THROAT AND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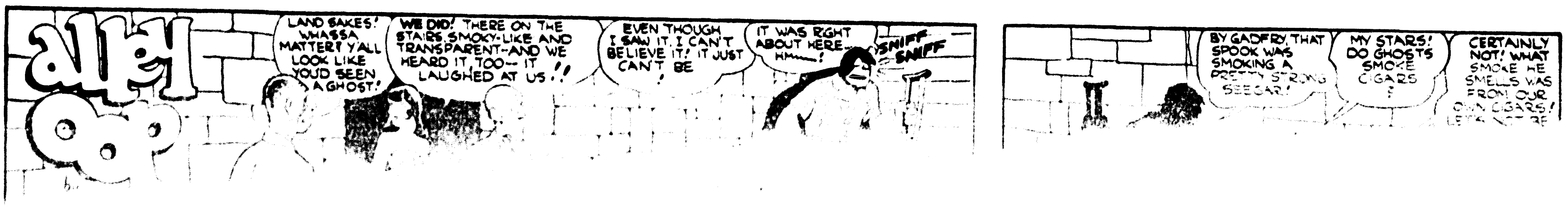
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LAND SAKES! WHASSA MATTER? Y'ALL LOOK LIKE YOU'D SEEN A GHOST!
WE DID! THERE ON THE STAIRS, SMOKY-LIKE AND TRANSPARENT—AND WE HEARD IT, TOO— IT LAUGHED AT US!!
EVEN THOUGH I SAW IT, I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! IT JUST CAN'T BE!
IT WAS RIGHT ABOUT HERE... HM—!
SNIFF SNIFF
BY GADFRY, THAT SPOOK WAS SMOKING A PRETTY STRONG SEEGAR!
MY STARS! DO GHOSTS SMOKE CIGARS?
CERTAINLY NOT! WHAT SMOKE HE SMELLS WAS FROM OUR OWN CIGARS!

ISN'T IMPRESSED AT ALL!
THEN WE'D BETTER CONCENTRATE ON HIM!
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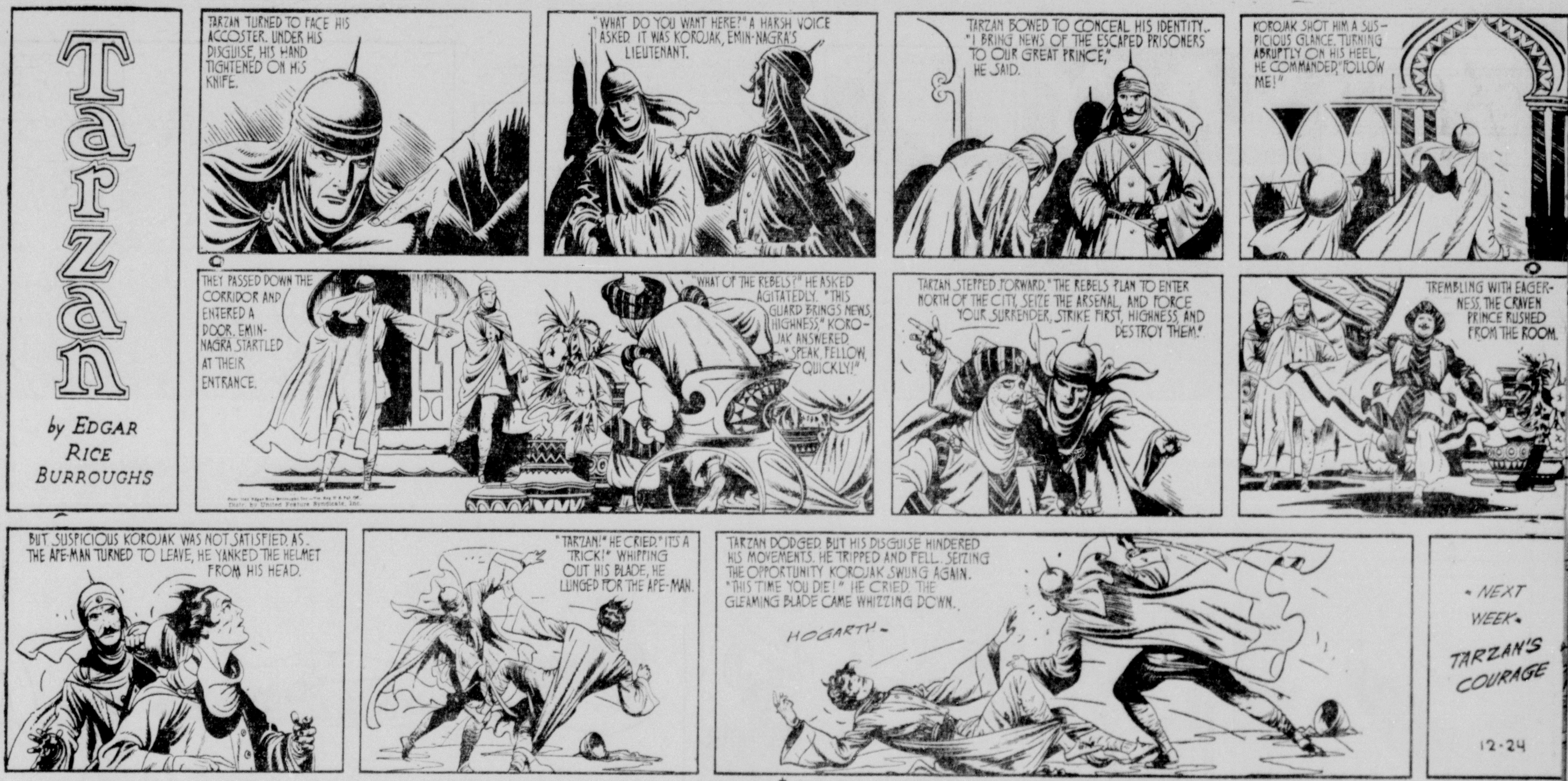
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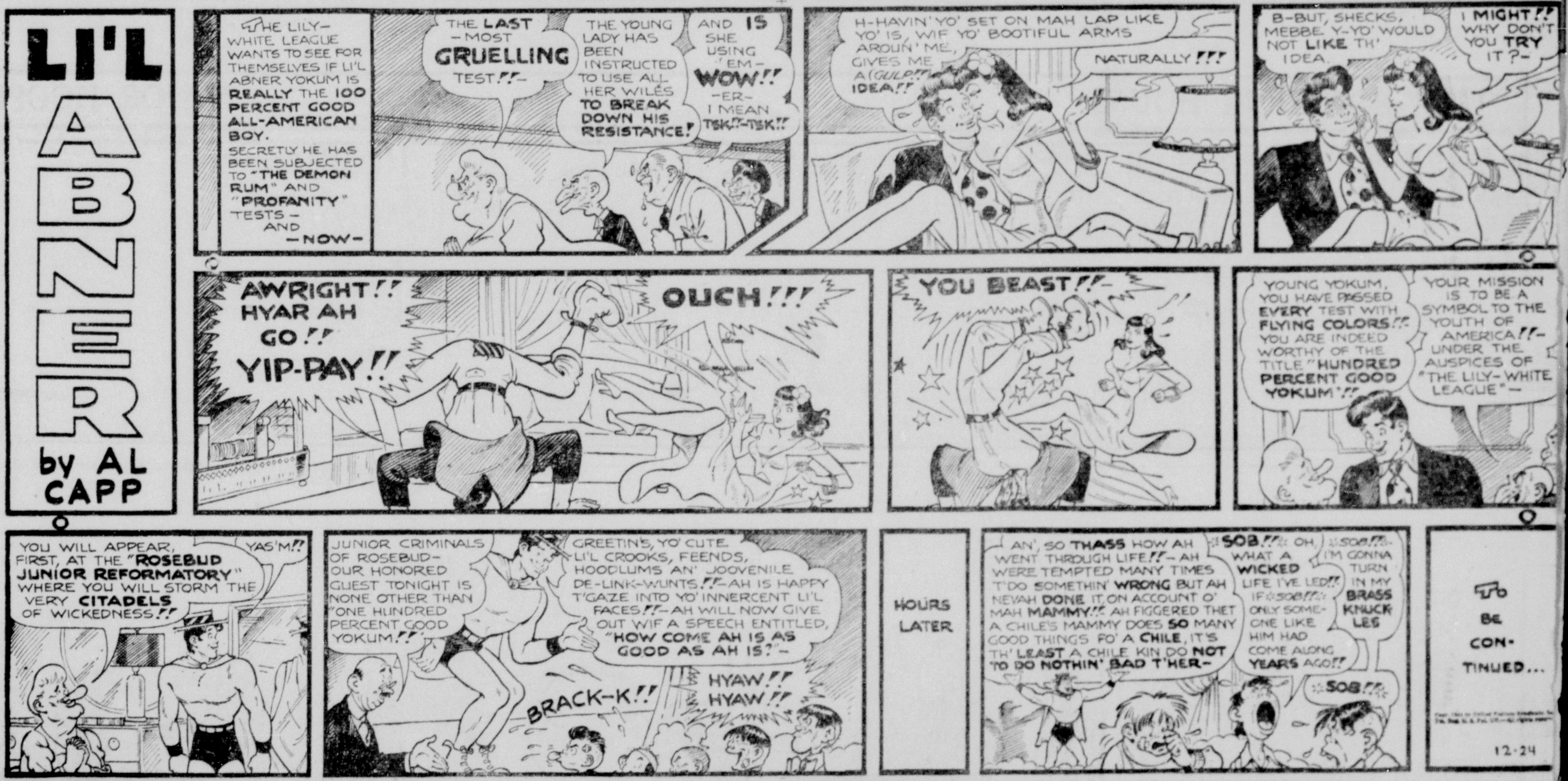
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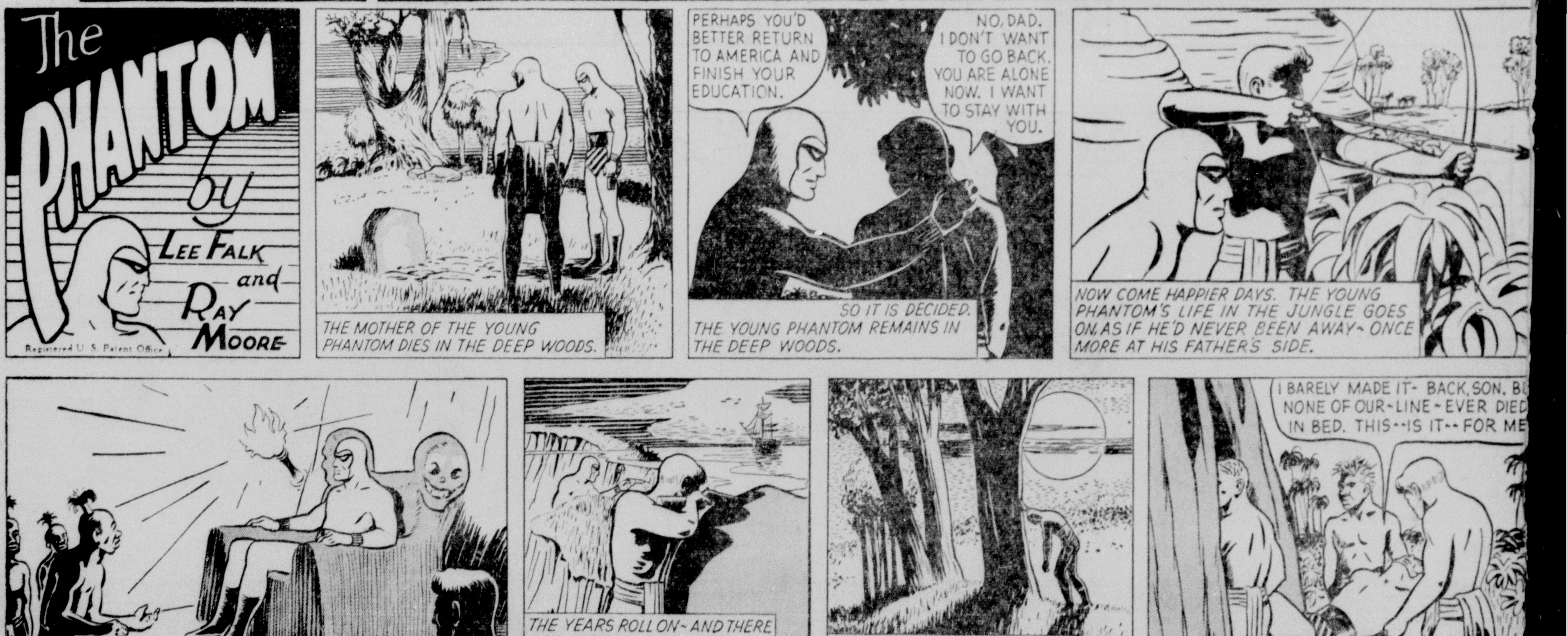
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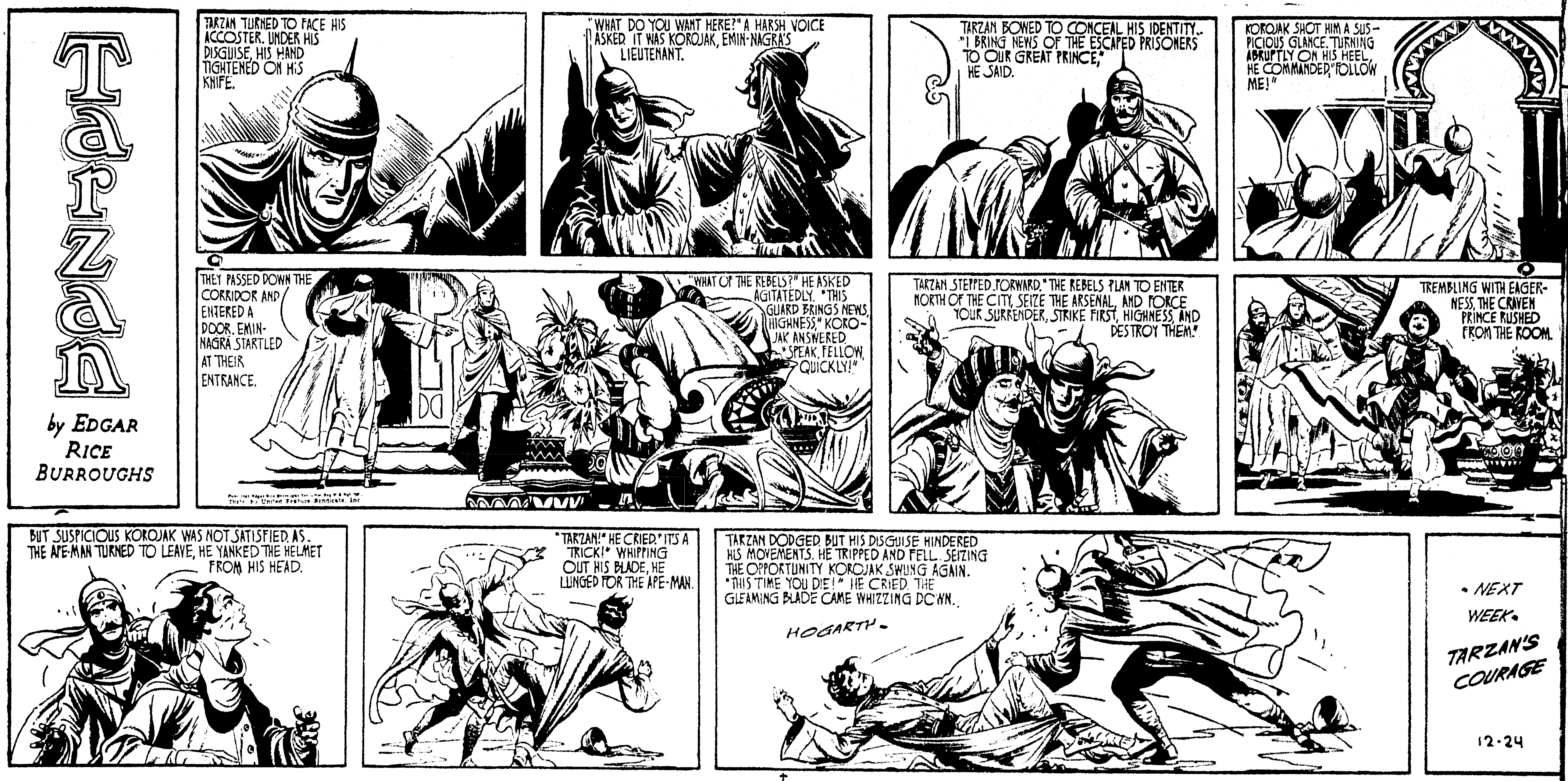
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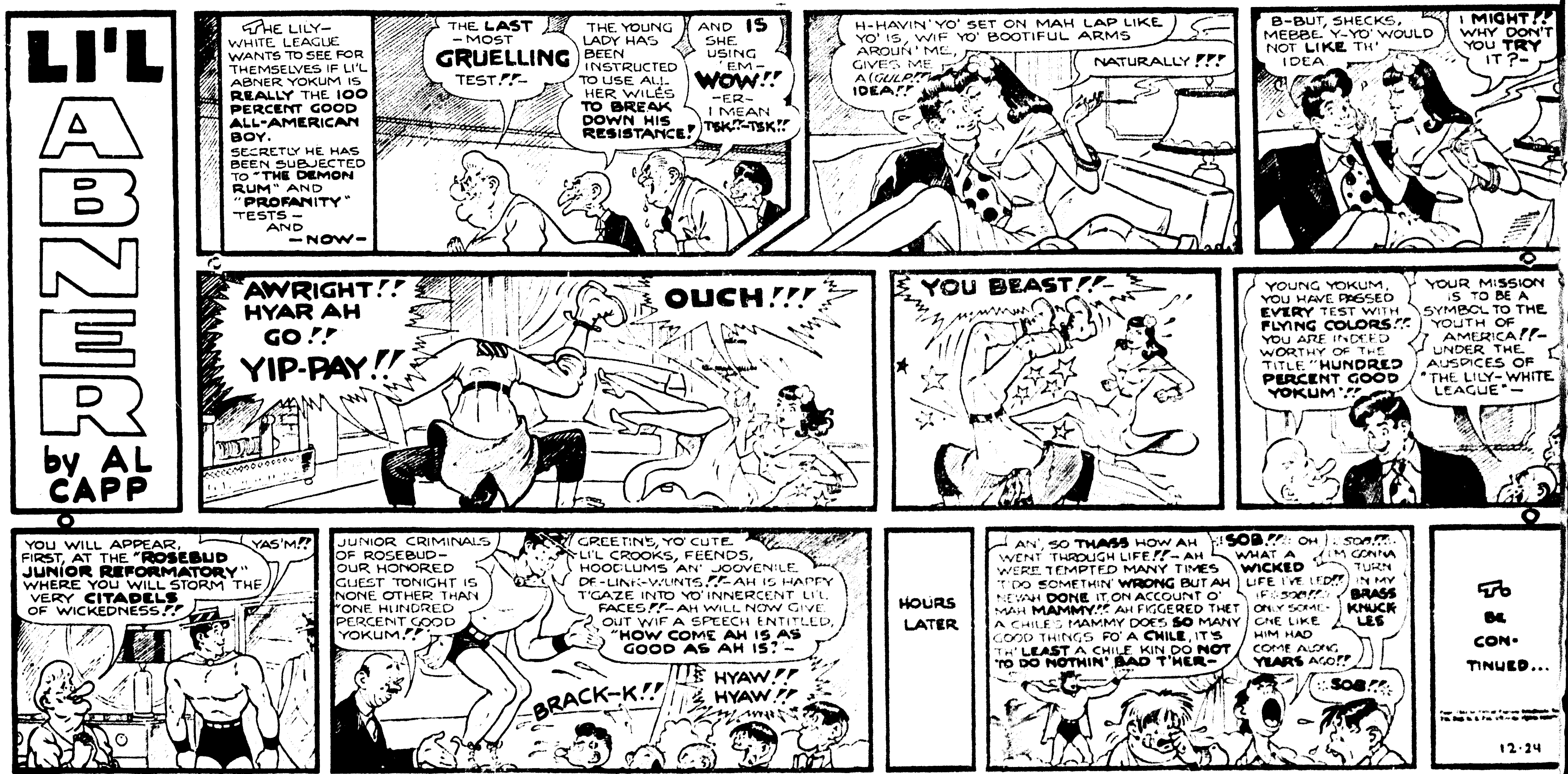
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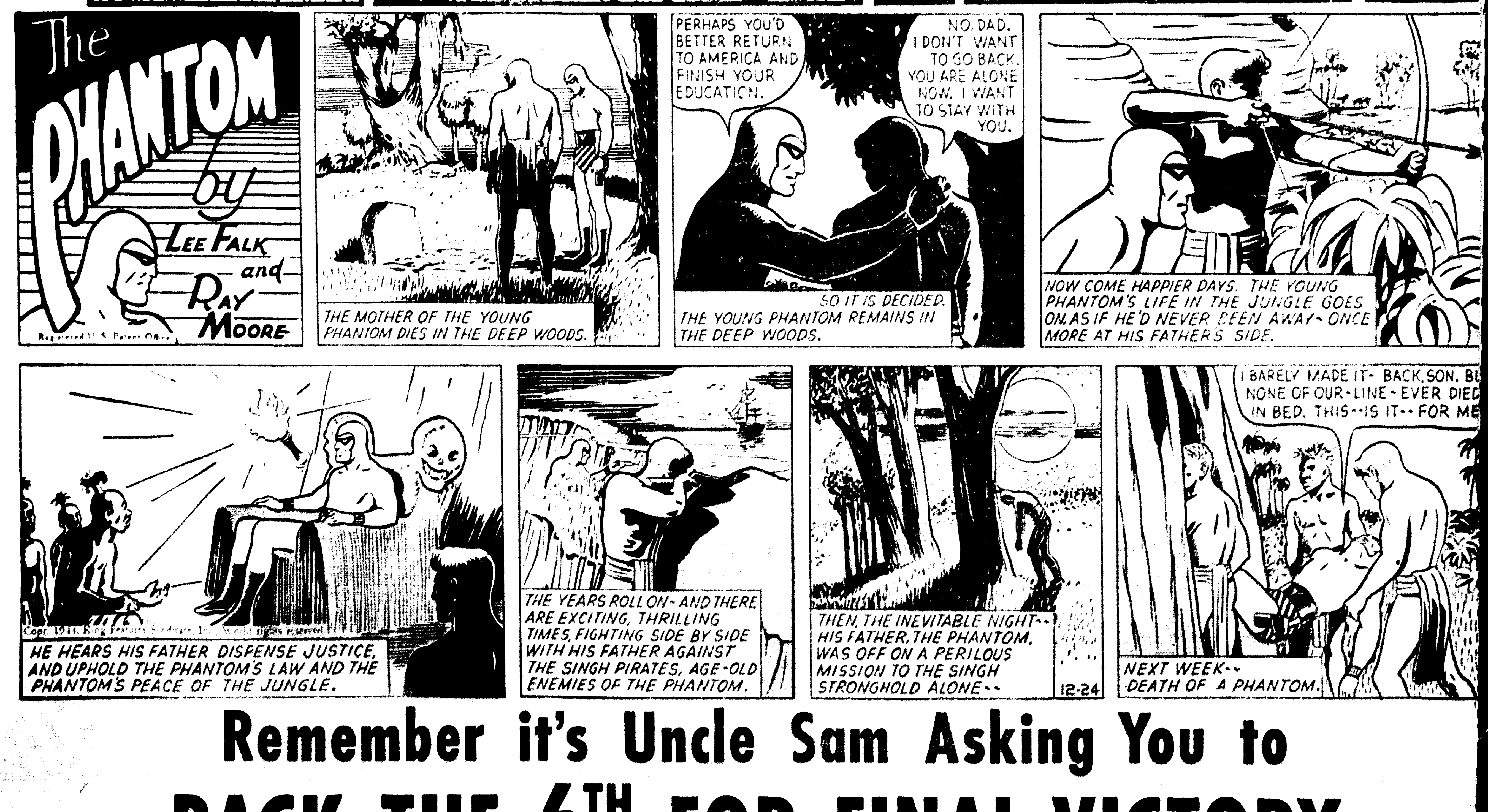
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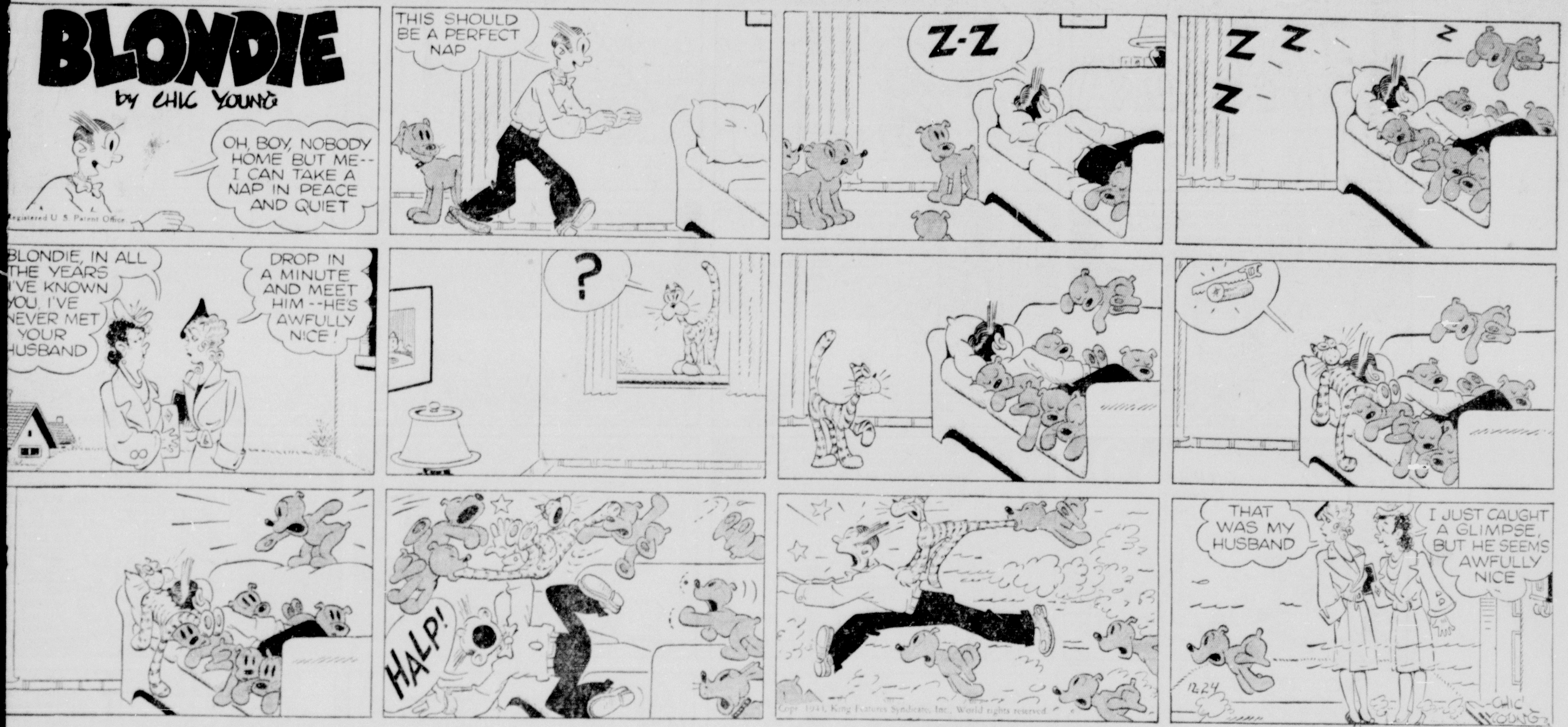
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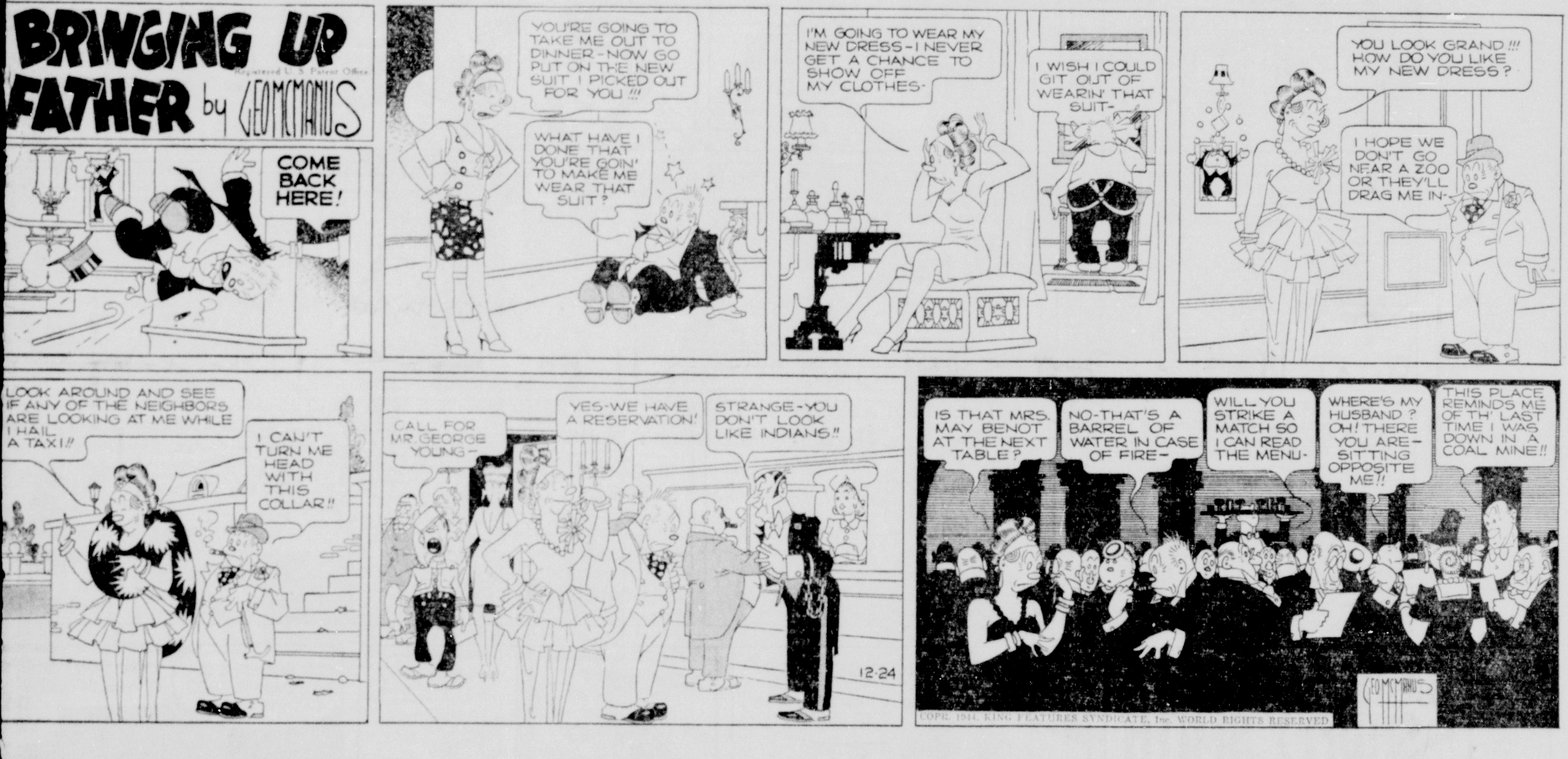
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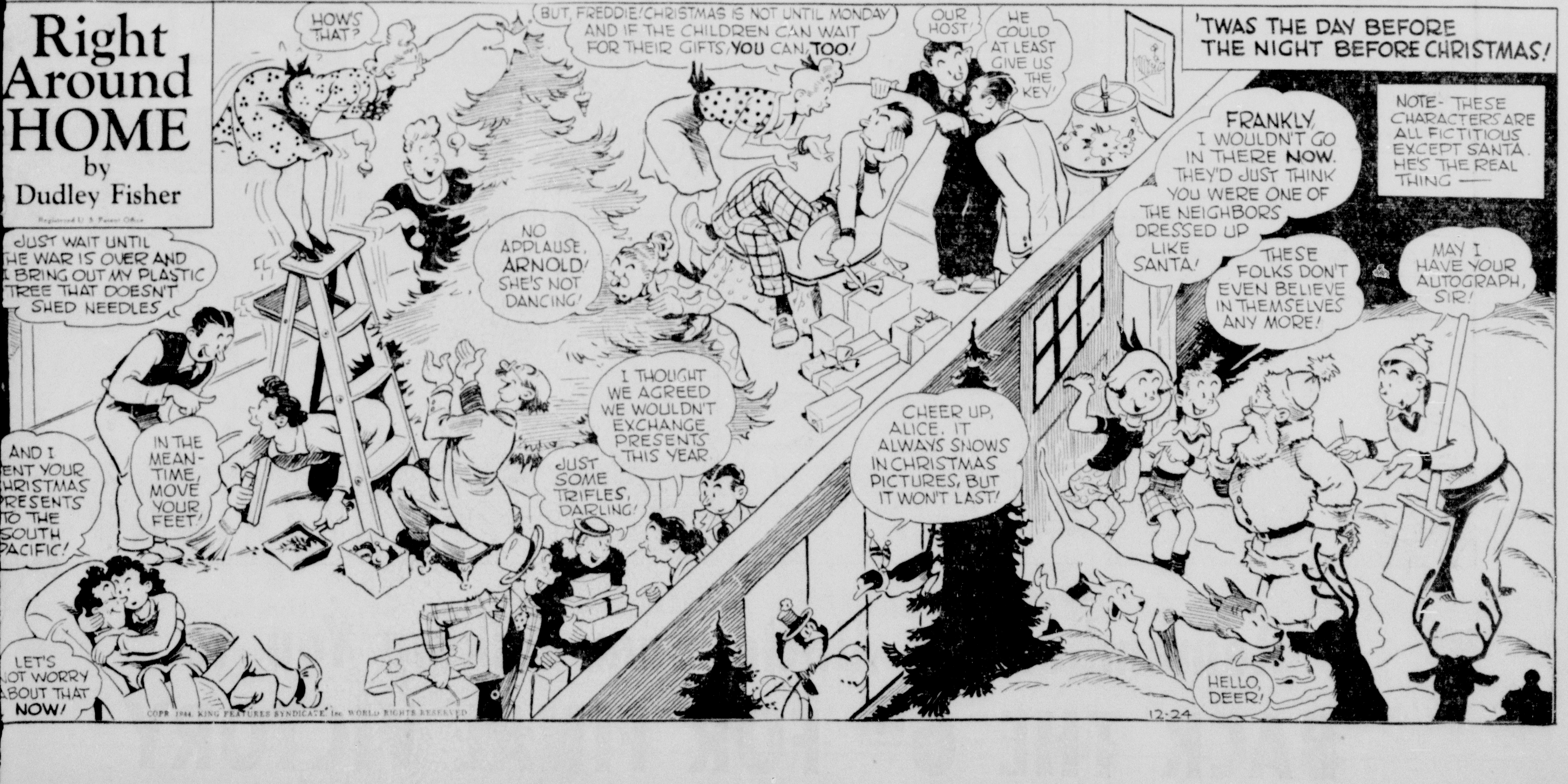
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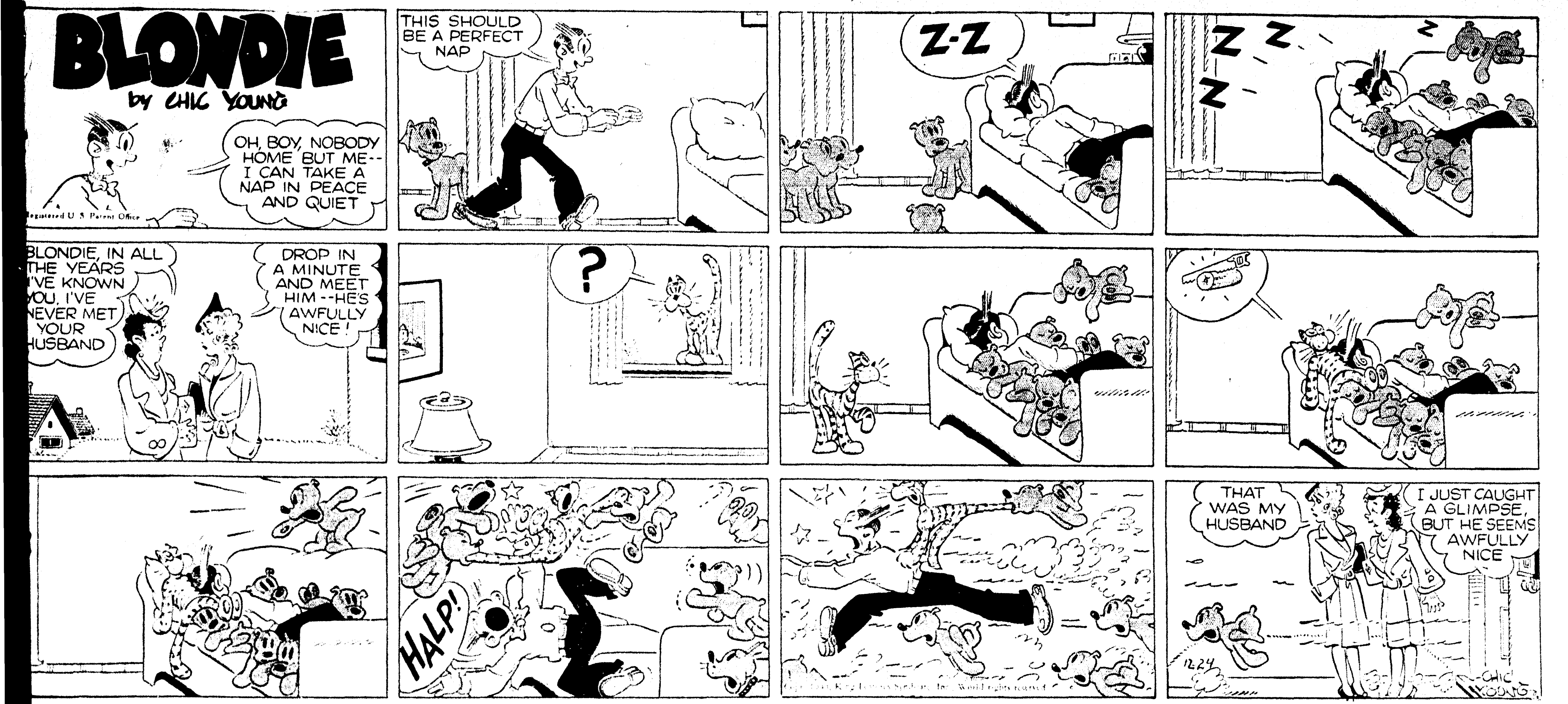
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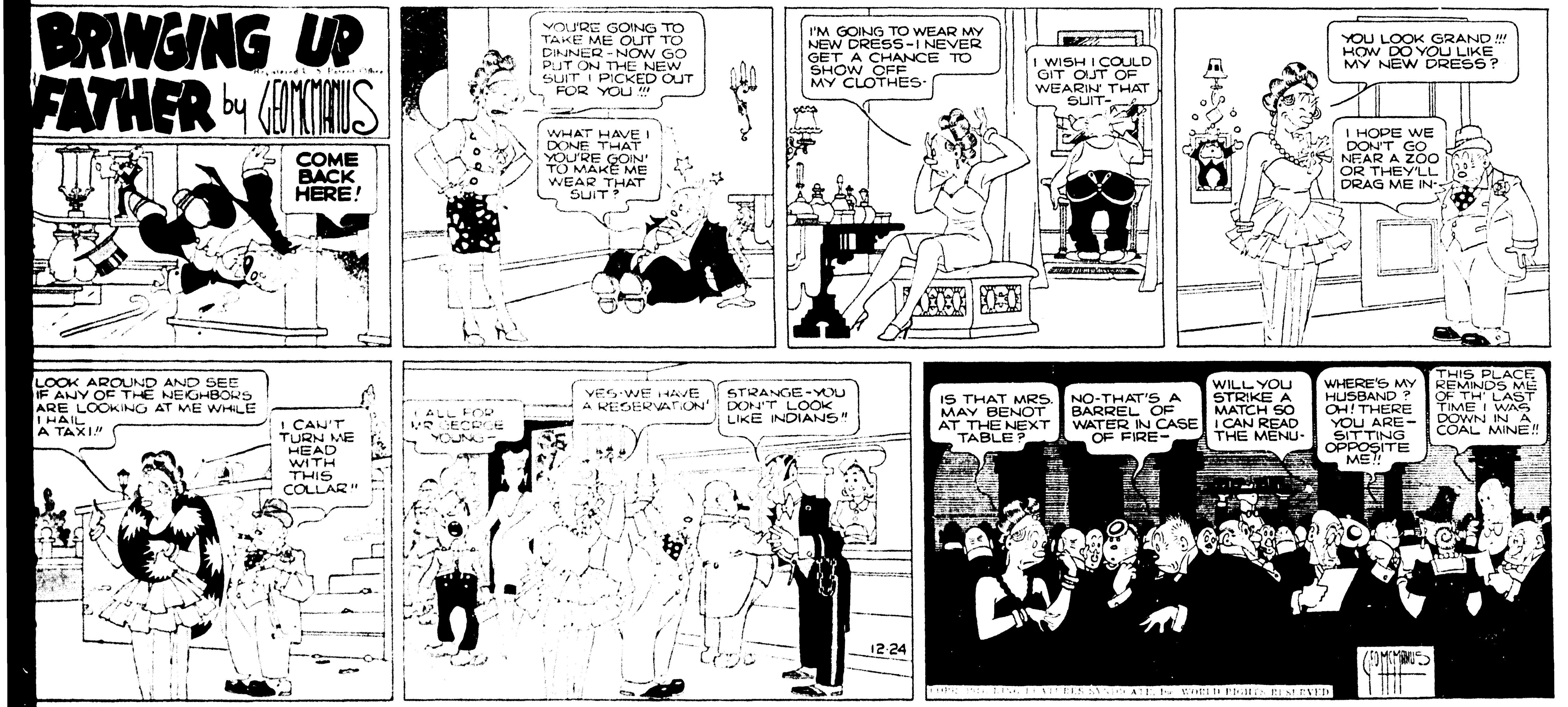
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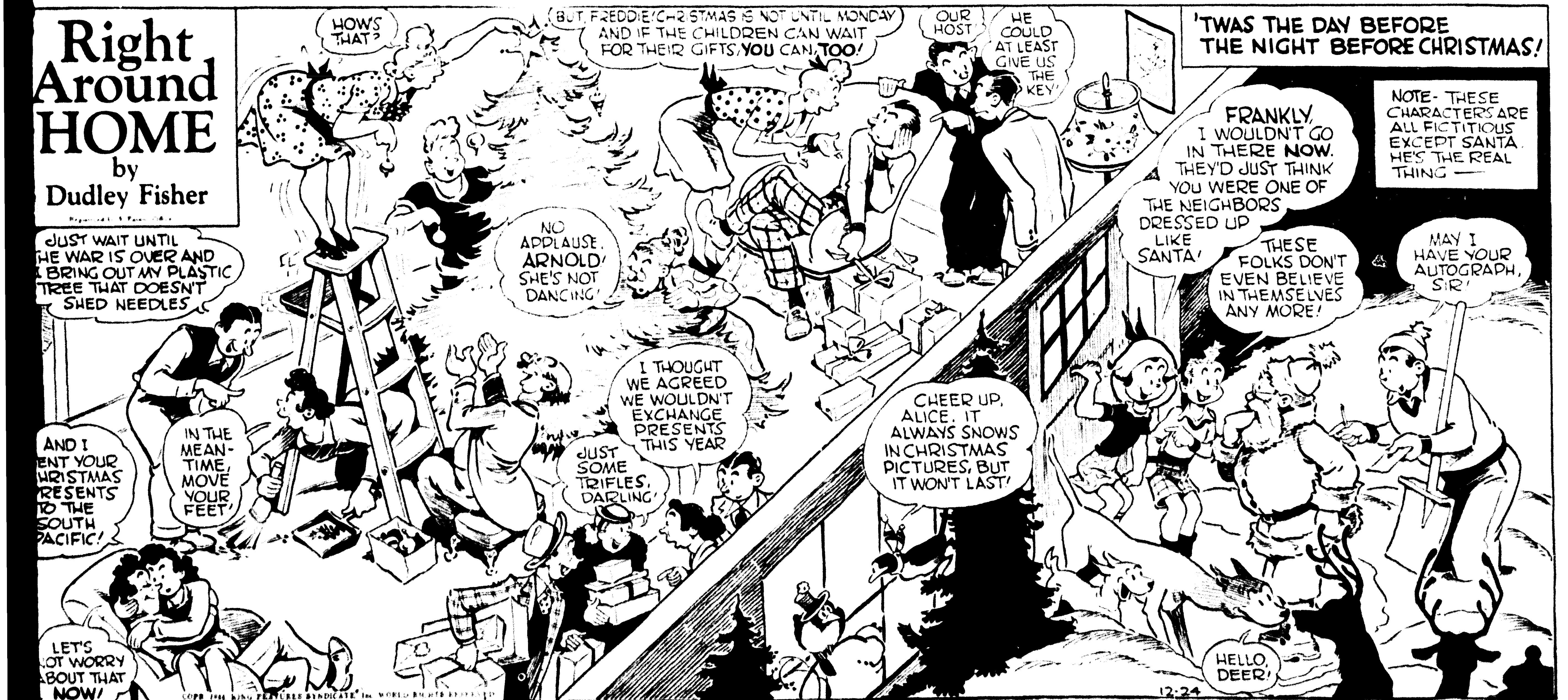
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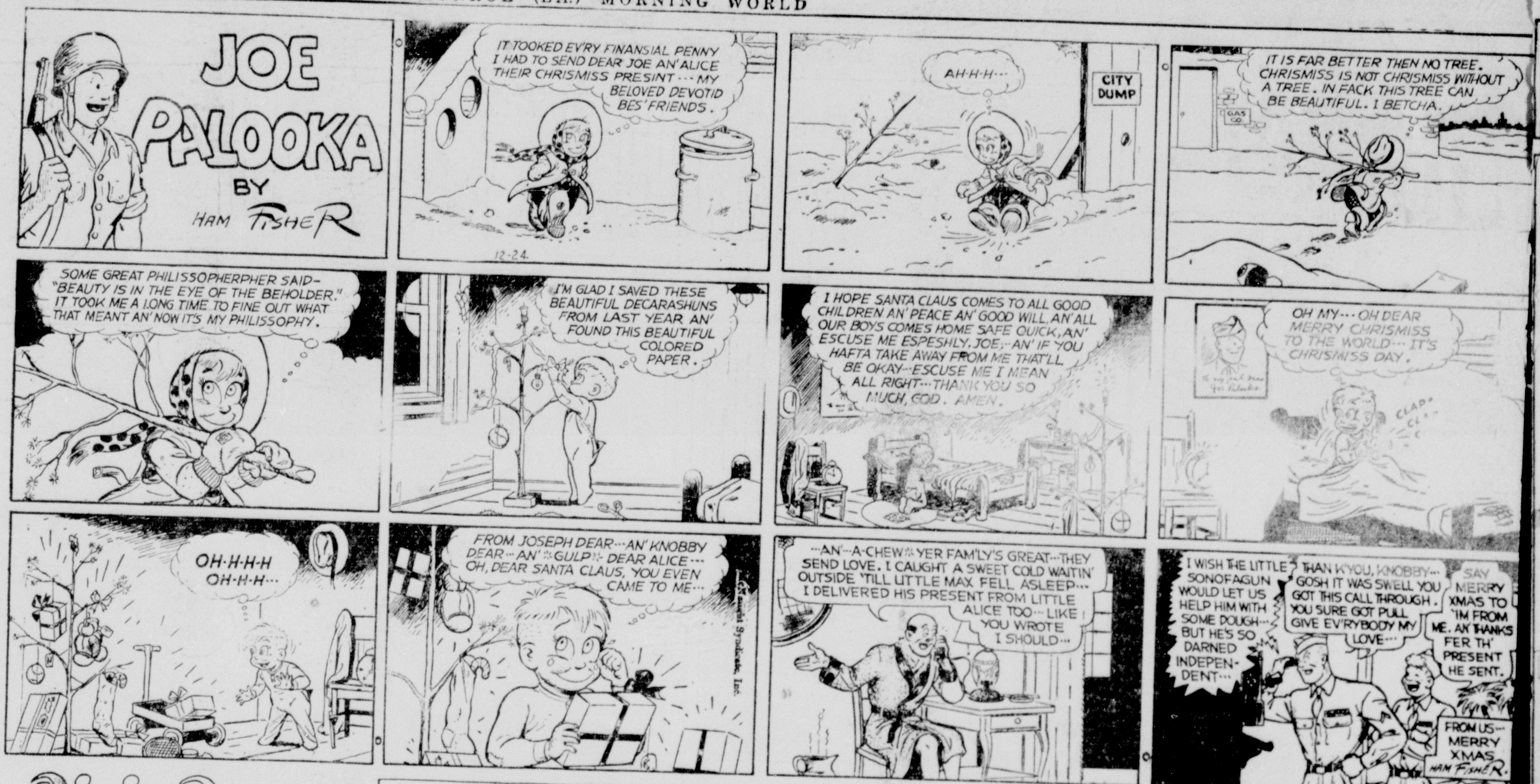
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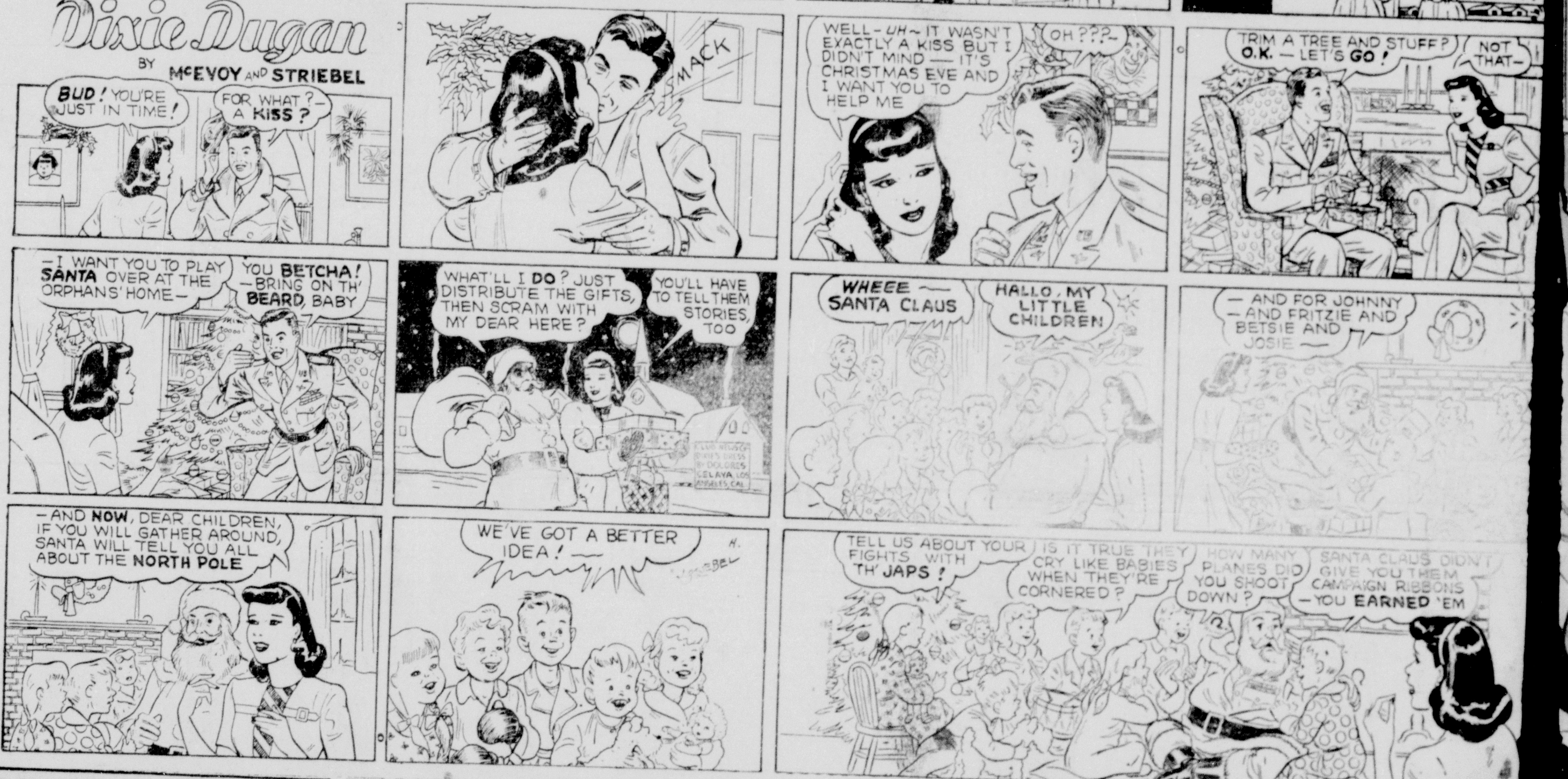
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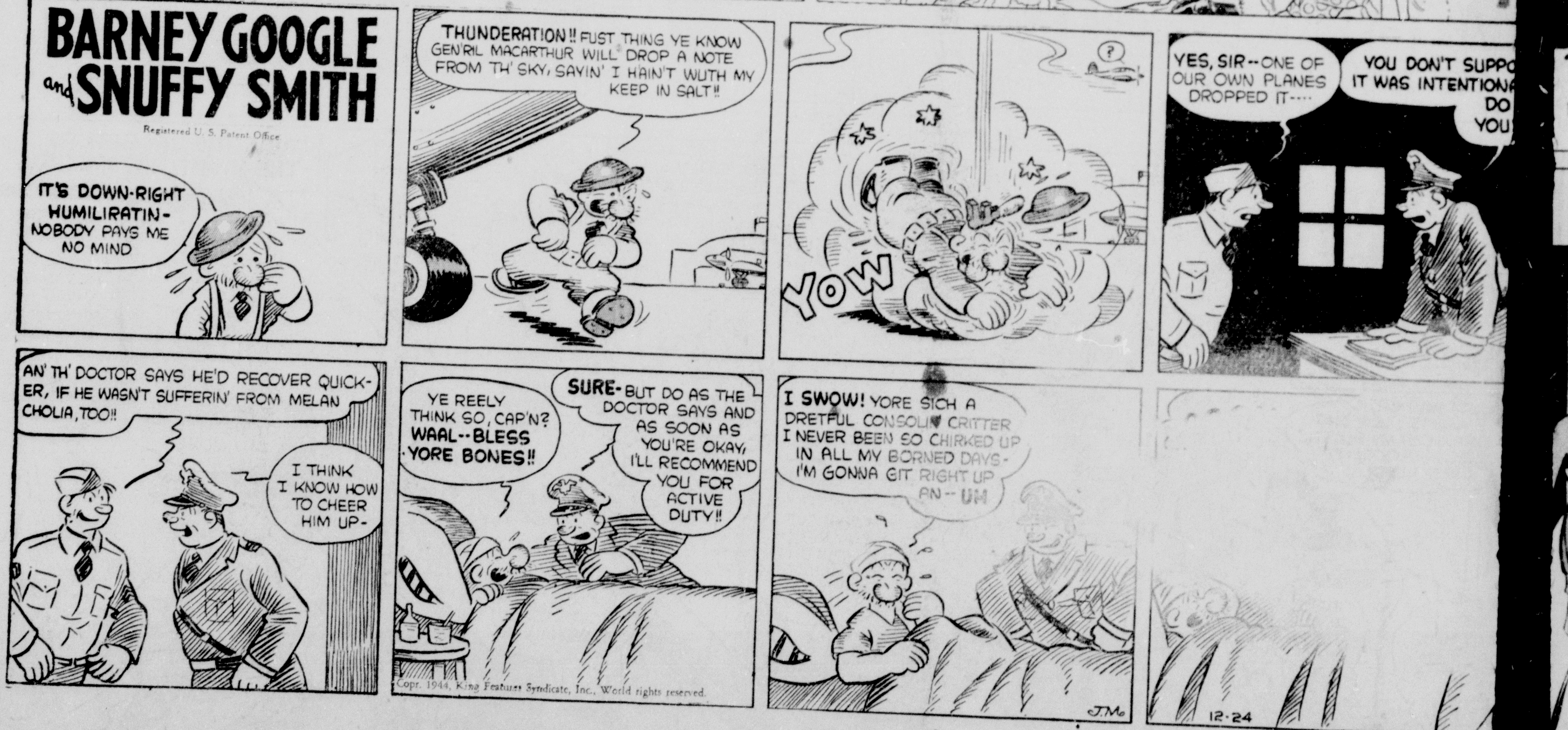
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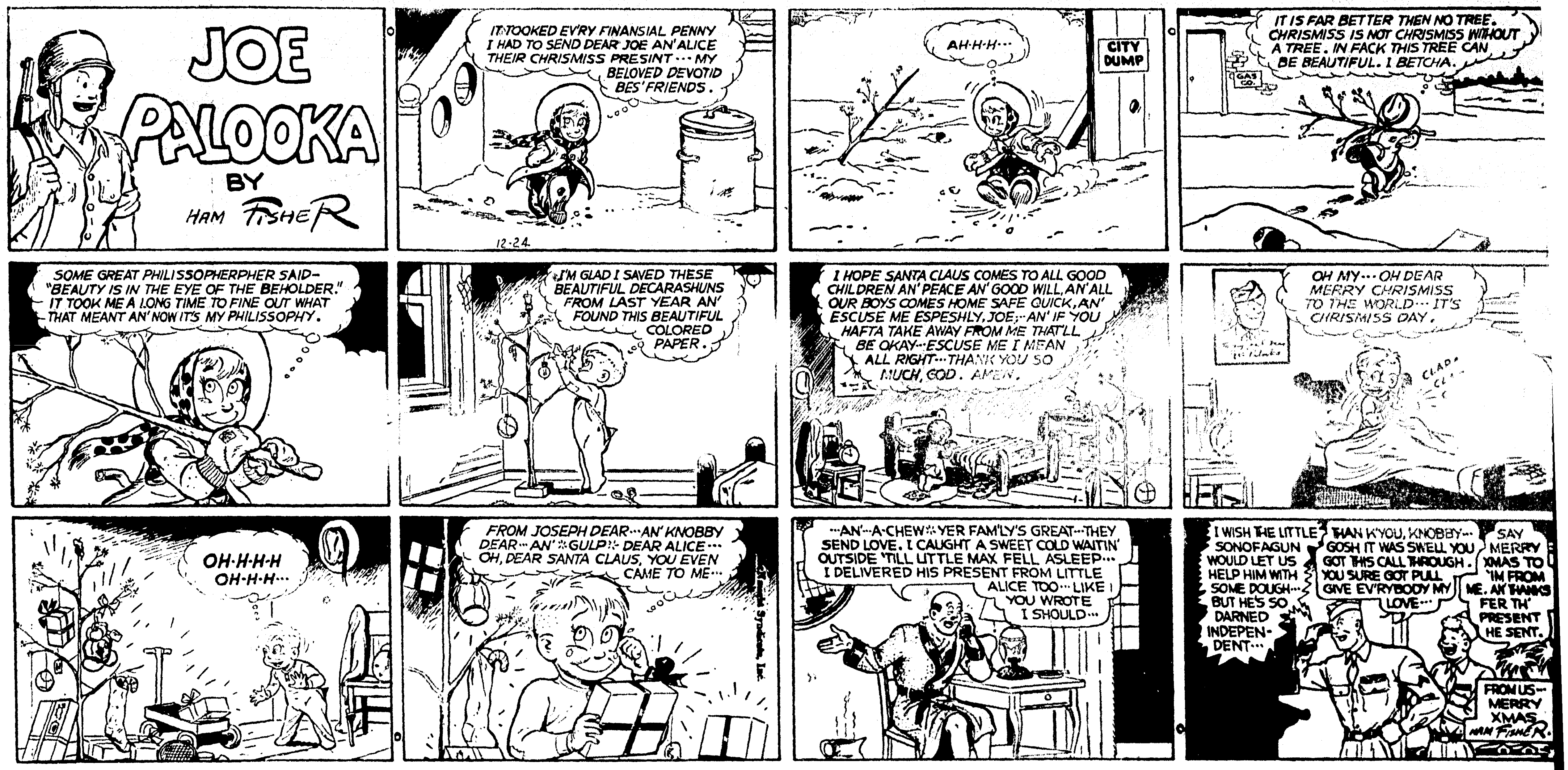
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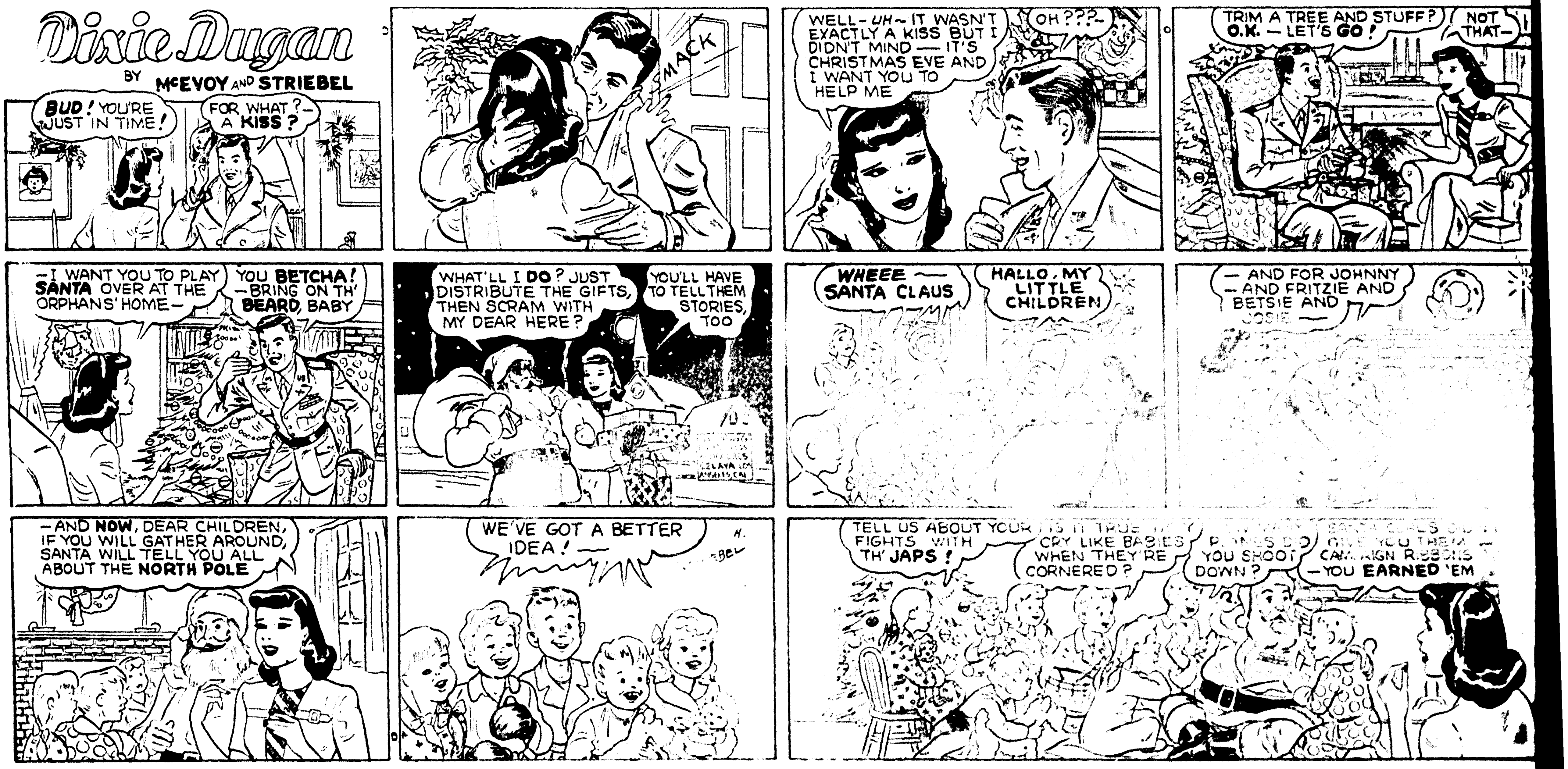
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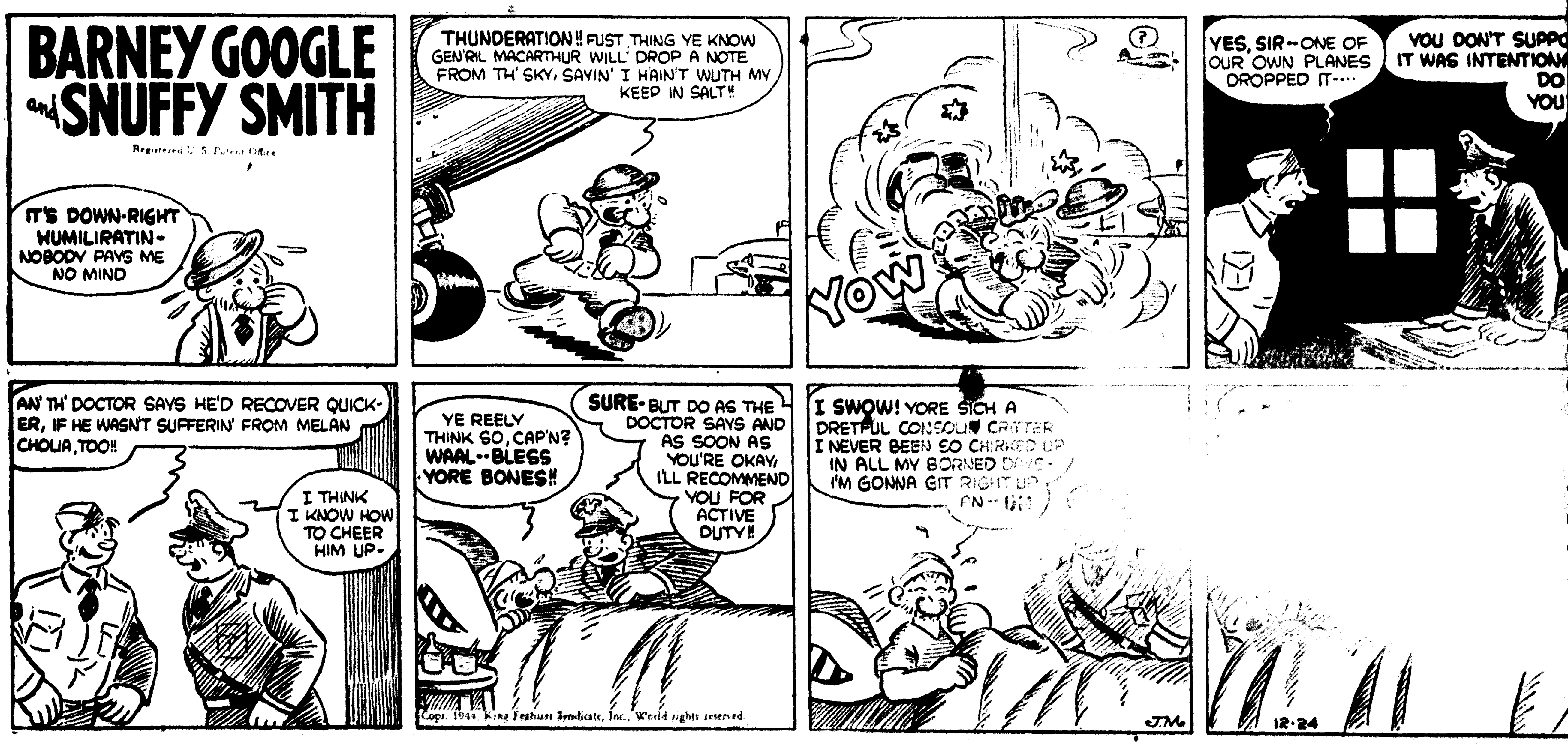
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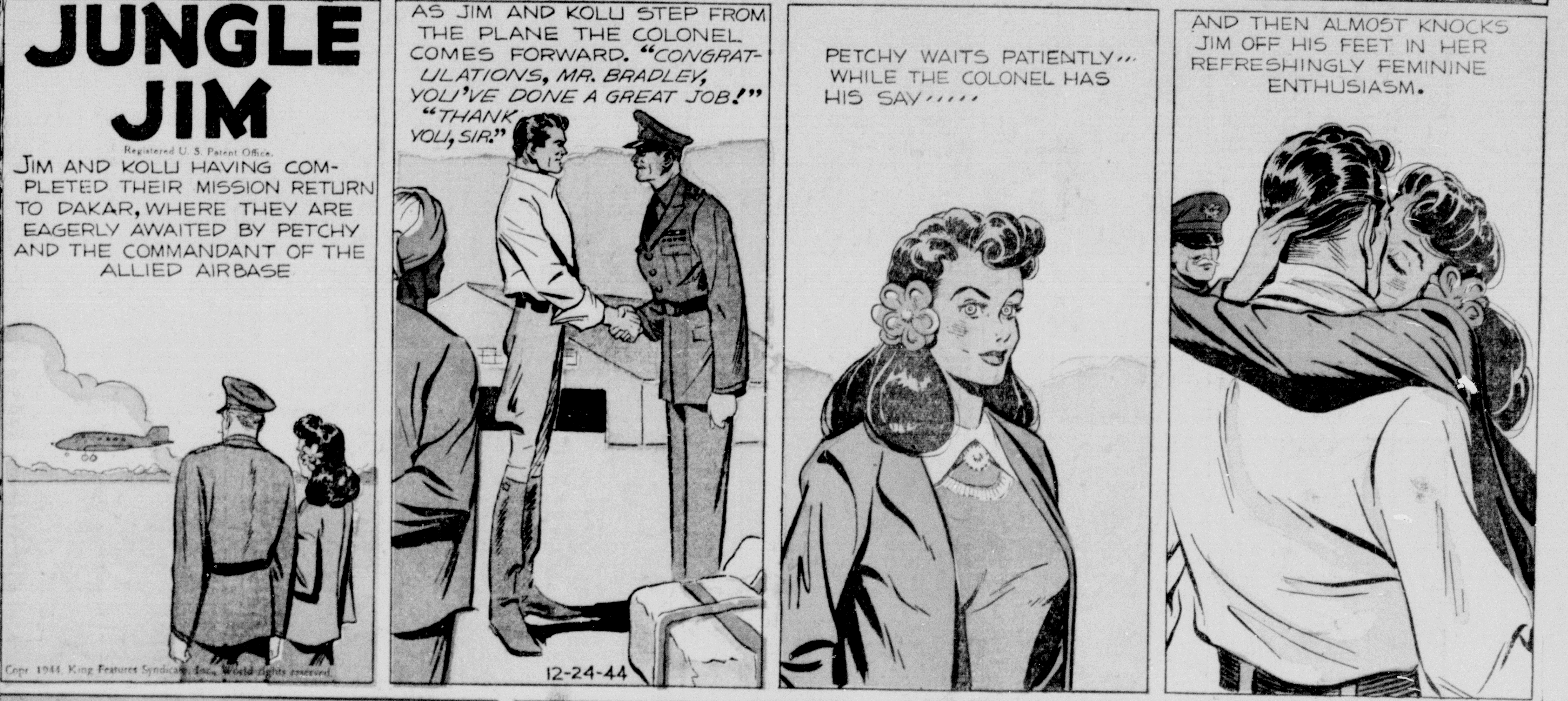
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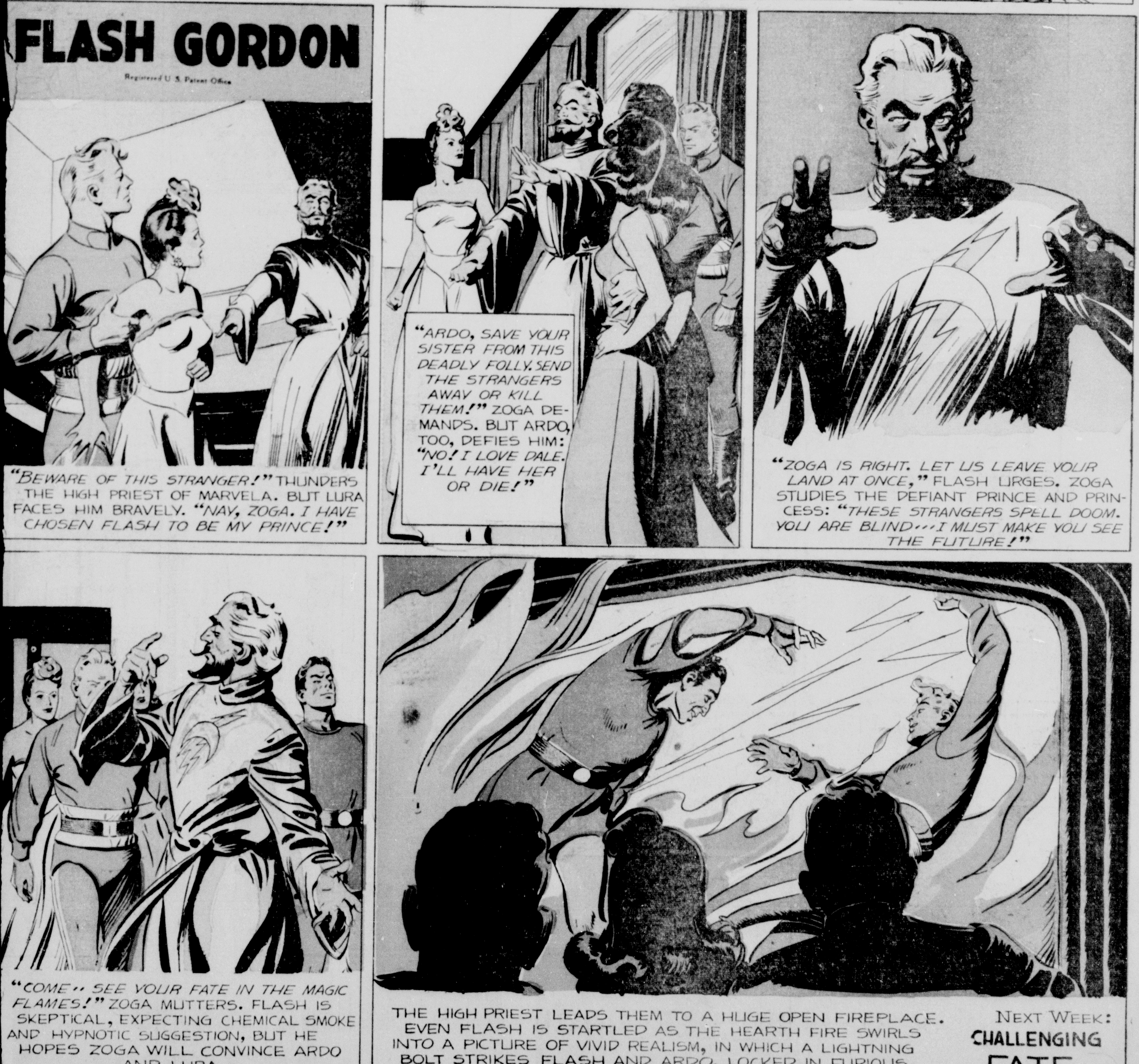
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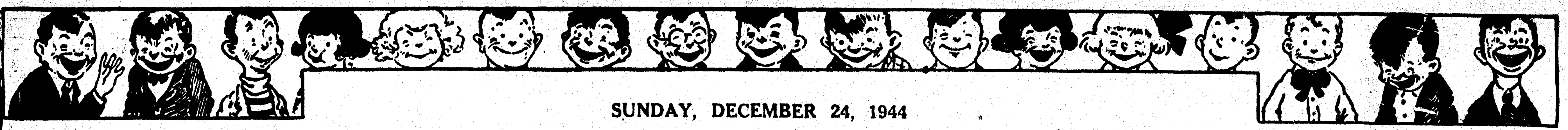

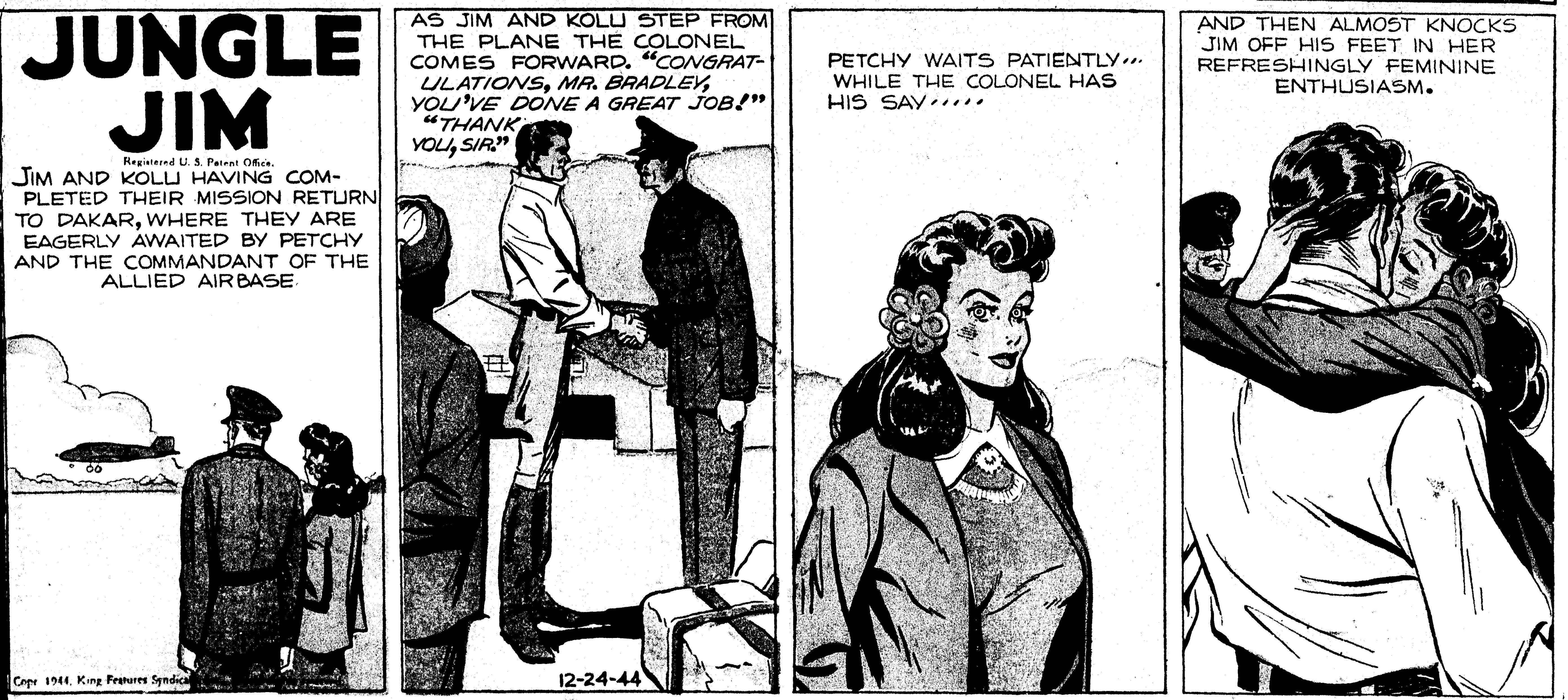
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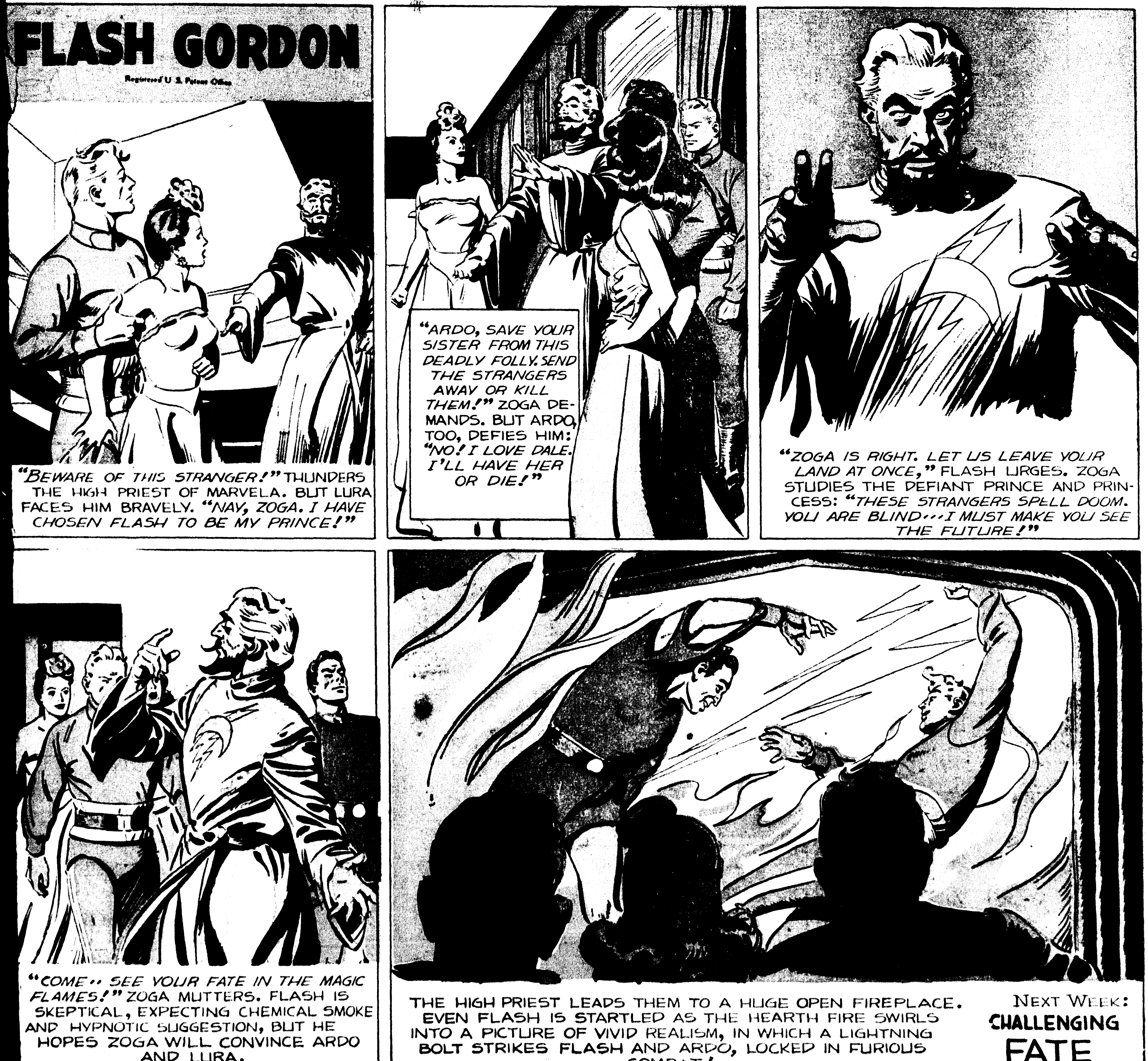
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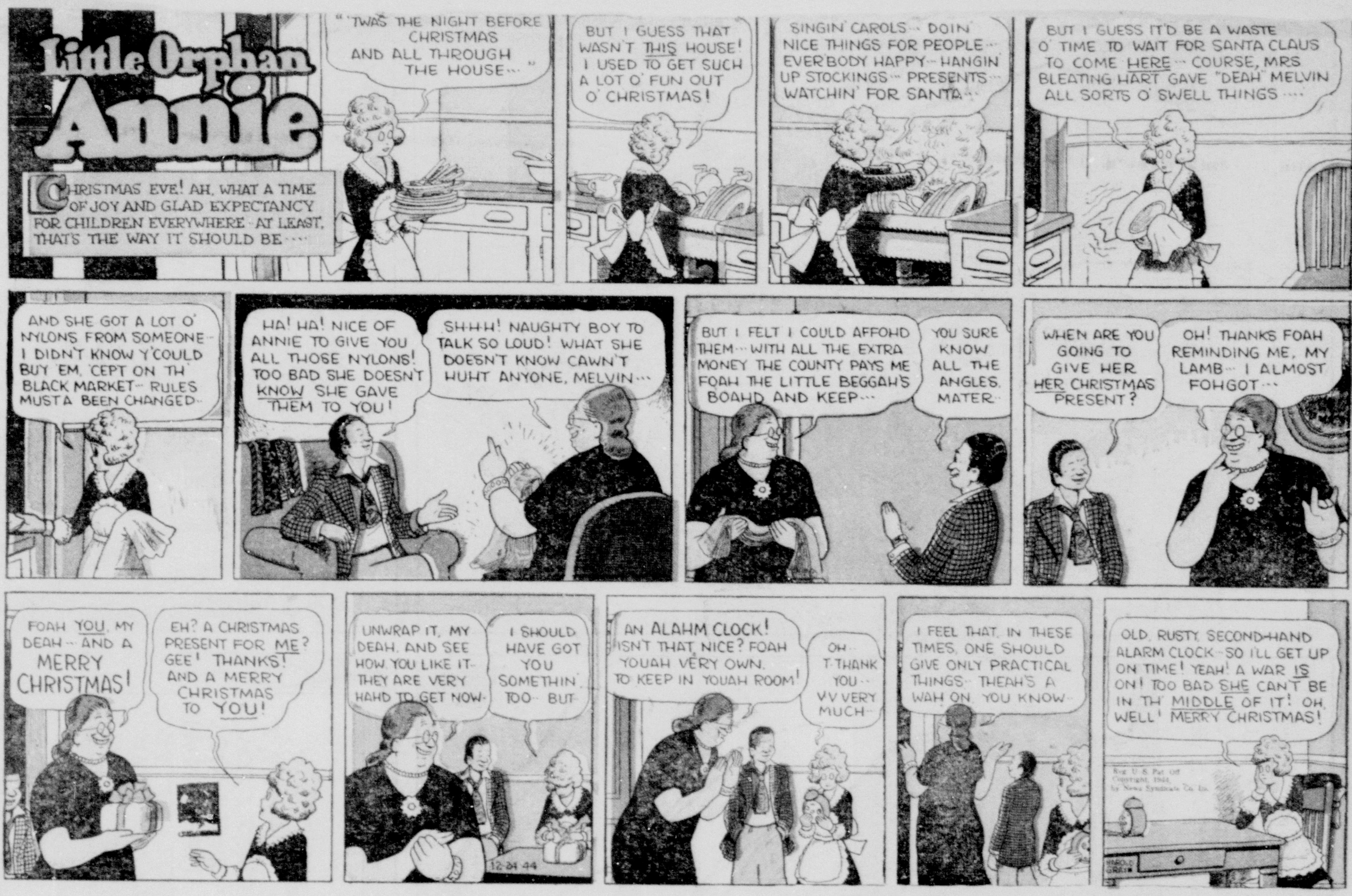
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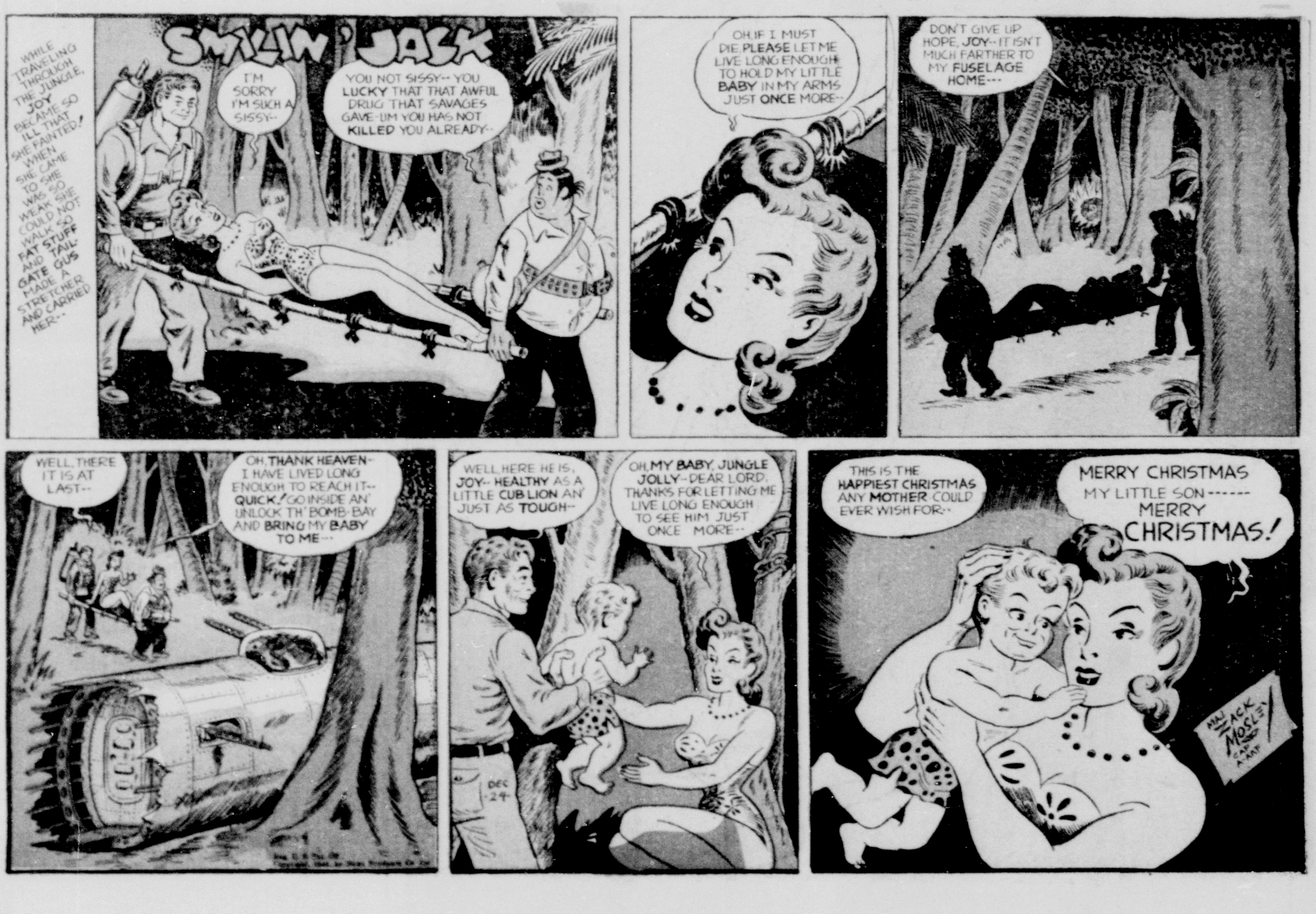
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I'M SORRY I'M SUCH A SISSY··
YOU NOT SISSY·· YOU LUCKY THAT THAT AWFUL DRUG THAT SAVAGES GAVE-UM YOU HAS NOT KILLED YOU ALREADY··
OH, IF I MUST DIE, PLEASE LET ME LIVE LONG ENOUGH TO HOLD MY LITTLE BABY IN MY ARMS JUST ONCE MORE··
DON'T GIVE UP HOPE, JOY·· IT ISN'T MUCH FARTHER TO MY FUSELAGE HOME···
WELL, THERE IT IS AT LAST··
OH, THANK HEAVEN·· I HAVE LIVED LONG ENOUGH TO REACH IT·· QUICK! GO INSIDE AN' UNLOCK TH' BOMB-BAY AND BRING MY BABY TO ME···
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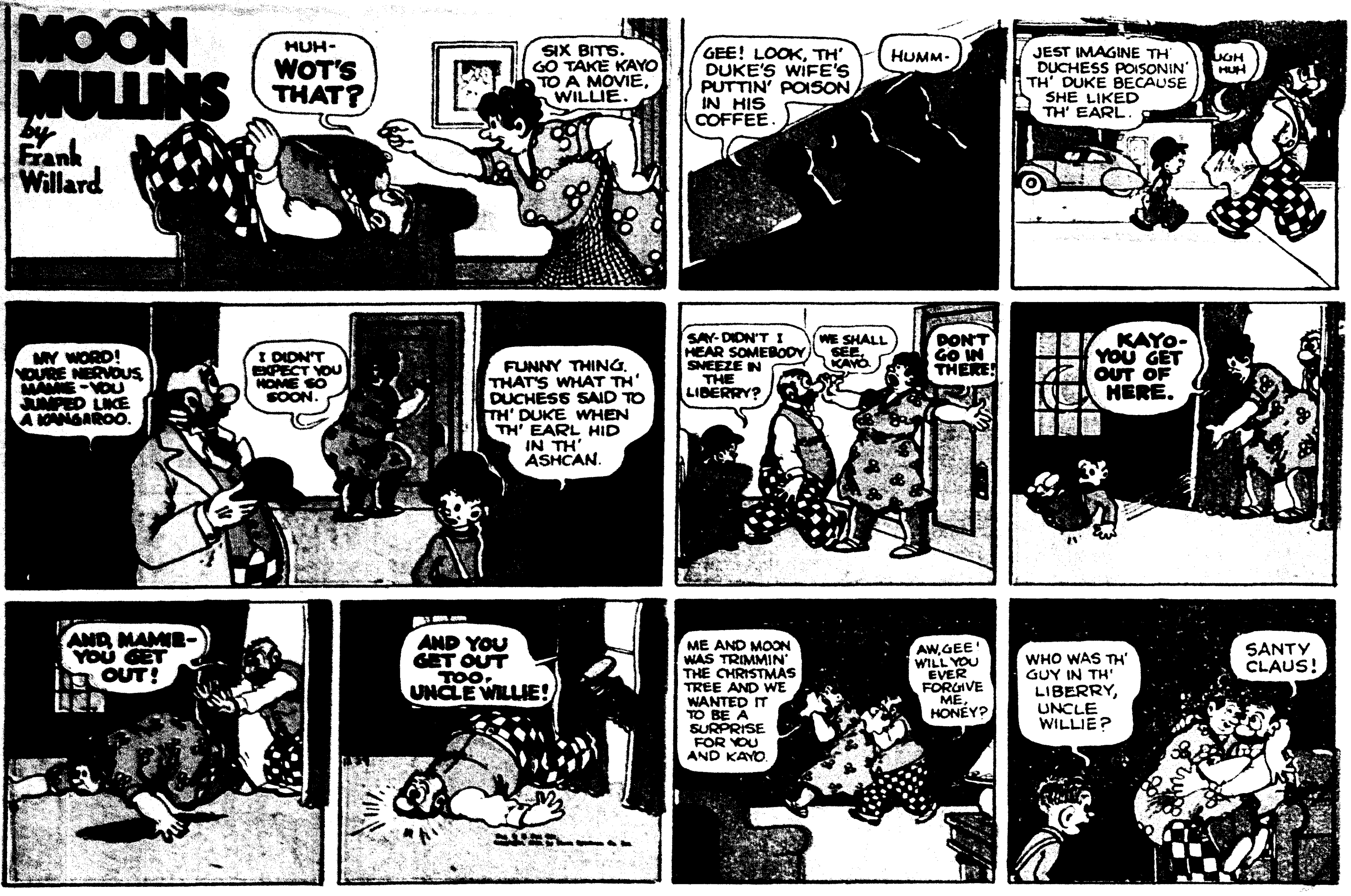
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HUMM-
JEST IMAGINE TH' DUCHESS POISONIN' TH' DUKE BECAUSE SHE LIKED TH' EARL.
UGH HUH
MY WORD! YOU'RE NERVOUS, MAMIE - YOU JUMPED LIKE A KANGAROO.
I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU HOME SO SOON.
FUNNY THING. THAT'S WHAT TH' DUCHESS SAID TO TH' DUKE WHEN TH' EARL HID IN TH' ASHCAN.
SAY- DIDN'T I HEAR SOMEBODY SNEEZE IN THE LIBERRY?
WE SHALL SEE, KAYO.
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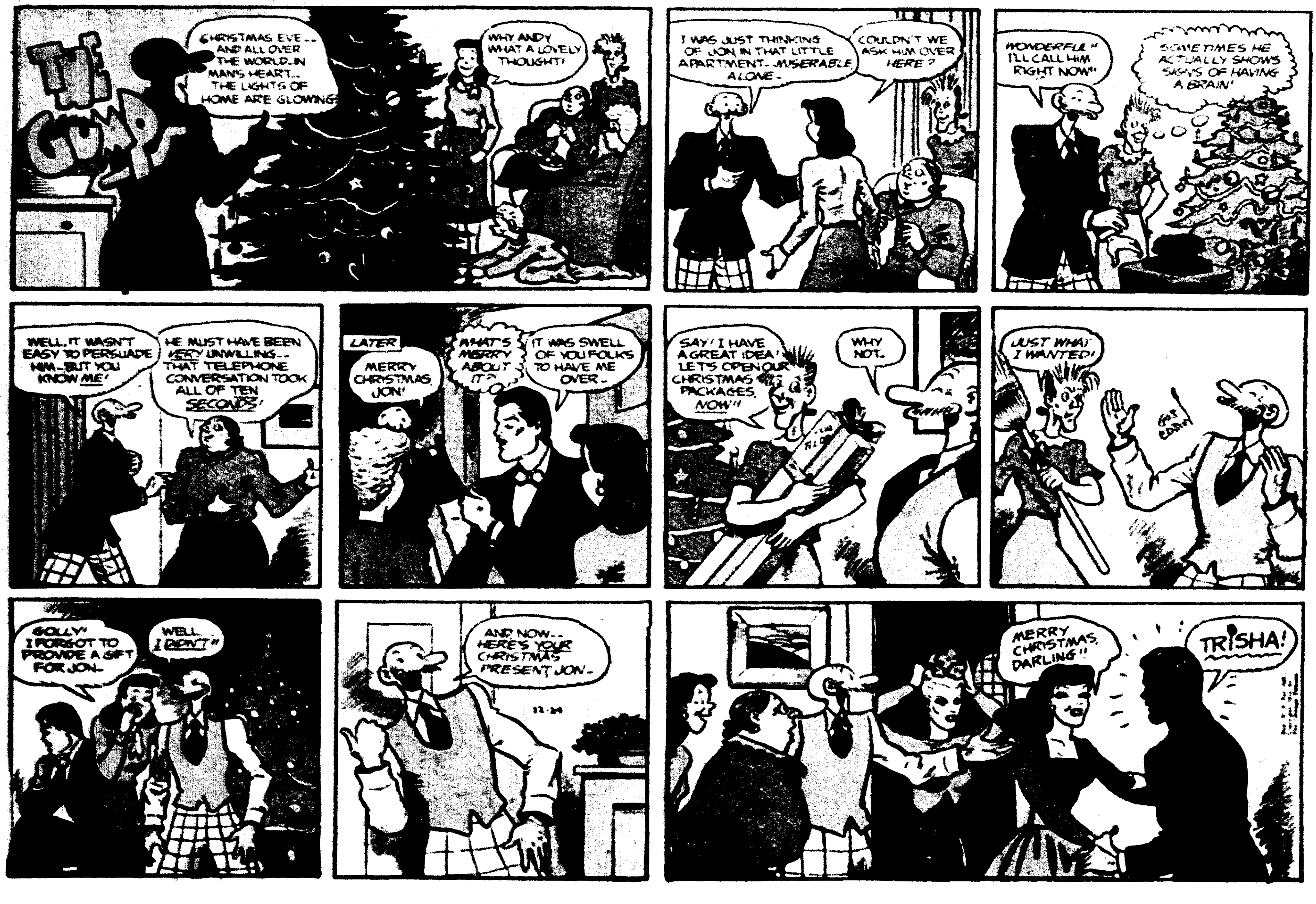
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CHRISTMAS EVE -- AND ALL OVER THE WORLD - IN MAN'S HEART.. THE LIGHTS OF HOME ARE GLOWING!
WHY ANDY WHAT A LOVELY THOUGHT!
I WAS JUST THINKING OF JON IN THAT LITTLE APARTMENT - MISERABLE ALONE -
COULDN'T WE ASK HIM OVER HERE?
WONDERFUL" I'LL CALL HIM RIGHT NOW"
SOMETIMES HE ACTUALLY SHOWS SIGNS OF HAVING A BRAIN!
WELL, IT WASN'T EASY TO PERSUADE HIM - BUT YOU KNOW ME!
HE MUST HAVE BEEN VERY UNWILLING -- THAT TELEPHONE CONVERSATION TOOK ALL OF TEN SECONDS!
LATER
MERRY CHRISTMAS, JON!
WHAT'S MERRY ABOUT IT?
IT WAS SWELL OF YOU FOLKS TO HAVE ME OVER -
SAY! I HAVE A GREAT IDEA! LET'S OPEN OUR CHRISTMAS PACKAGES, NOW"
WHY NOT.
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GOLLY! I FORGOT TO PROVIDE A GIFT FOR JON.
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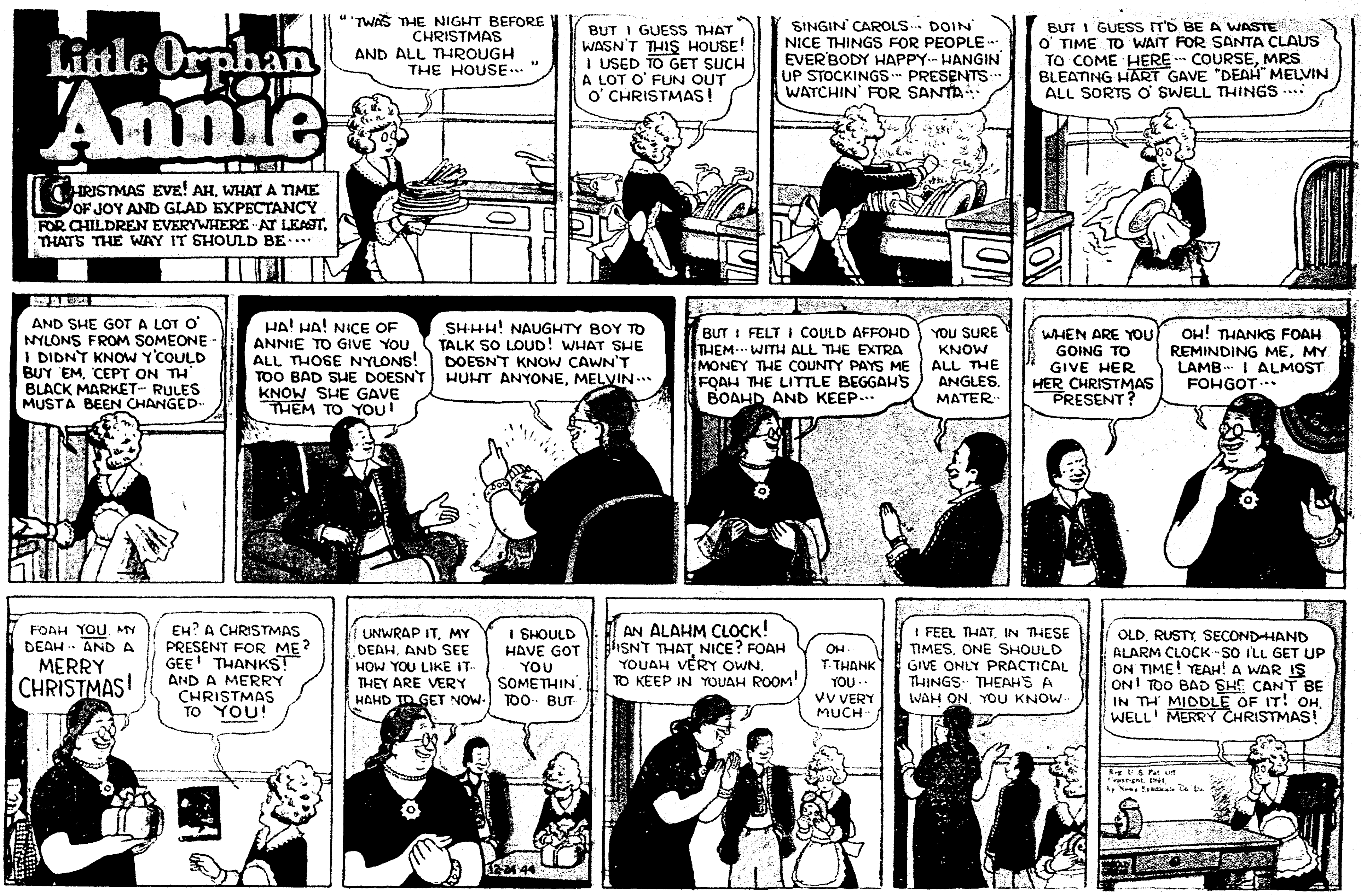
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OLD, RUSTY, SECOND-HAND ALARM CLOCK -- SO I'LL GET UP ON TIME! YEAH! A WAR IS ON! TOO BAD SHE CAN'T BE IN TH' MIDDLE OF IT! OH, WELL! MERRY CHRISTMAS!
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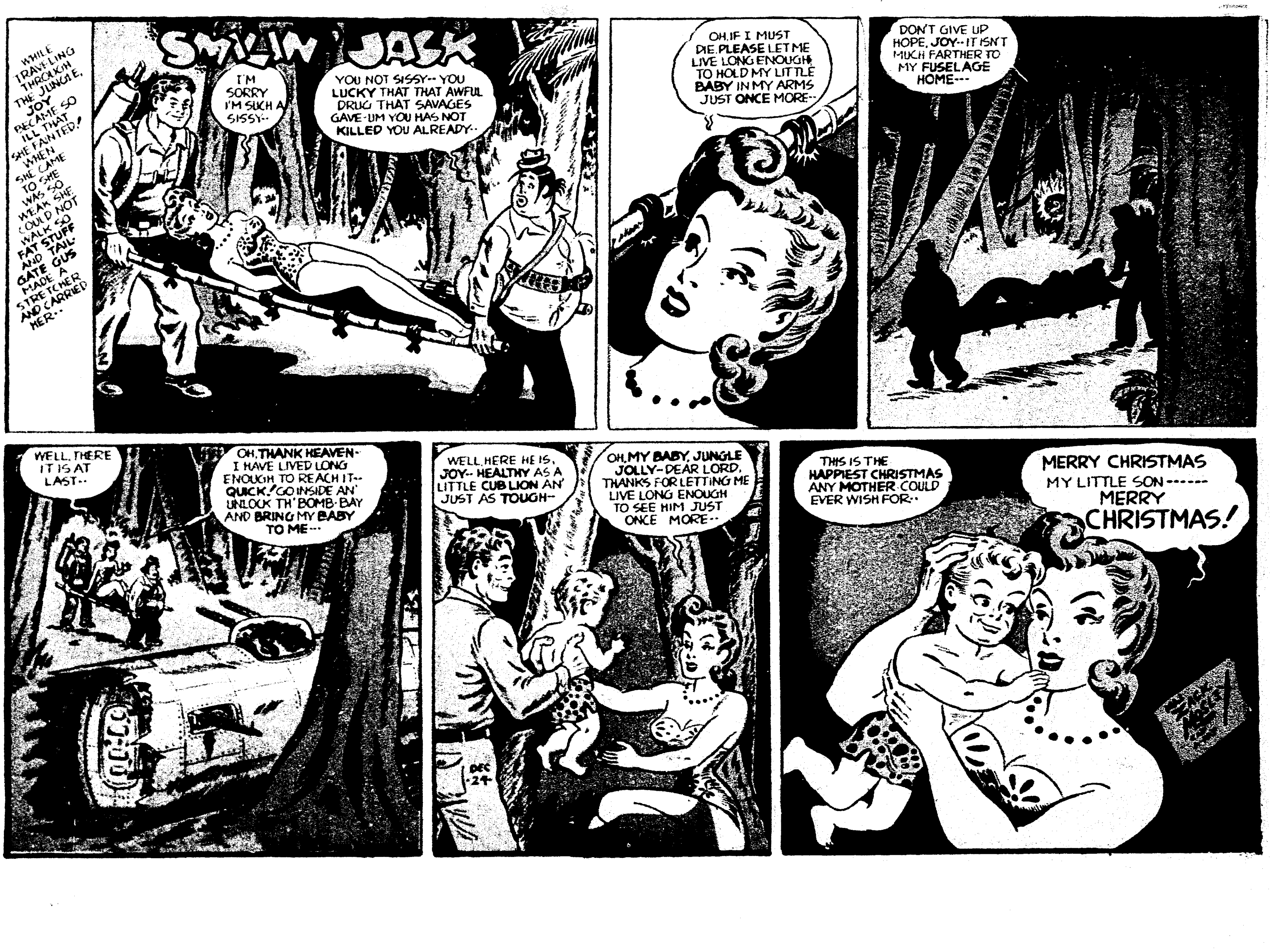
SMILIN' JACK
WHILE TRAVELING THROUGH THE JUNGLE, JOY BECAME SO ILL THAT SHE FAINTED! WHEN SHE CAME TO SHE WAS SO WEAK SHE COULD NOT WALK SO FAT STUFF AND TAIL GATE GUS MADE A STRETCHER AND CARRIED HER...
I'M SORRY I'M SUCH A SISSY--
YOU NOT SISSY-- YOU LUCKY THAT THAT AWFUL DRUG THAT SAVAGES GAVE-UM YOU HAS NOT KILLED YOU ALREADY--
OH, IF I MUST DIE, PLEASE LET ME LIVE LONG ENOUGH TO HOLD MY LITTLE BABY IN MY ARMS JUST ONCE MORE--
DON'T GIVE UP HOPE, JOY-- IT ISN'T MUCH FARTHER TO MY FUSELAGE HOME---
WELL, THERE IT IS AT LAST--
OH, THANK HEAVEN- I HAVE LIVED LONG ENOUGH TO REACH IT-- QUICK! GO INSIDE AN' UNLOCK TH' BOMB-BAY AND BRING MY BABY TO ME--
WELL, HERE HE IS, JOY-- HEALTHY AS A LITTLE CUB LION AN' JUST AS TOUGH--
OH, MY BABY, JUNGLE JOLLY- DEAR LORD, THANKS FOR LETTING ME LIVE LONG ENOUGH TO SEE HIM JUST ONCE MORE--
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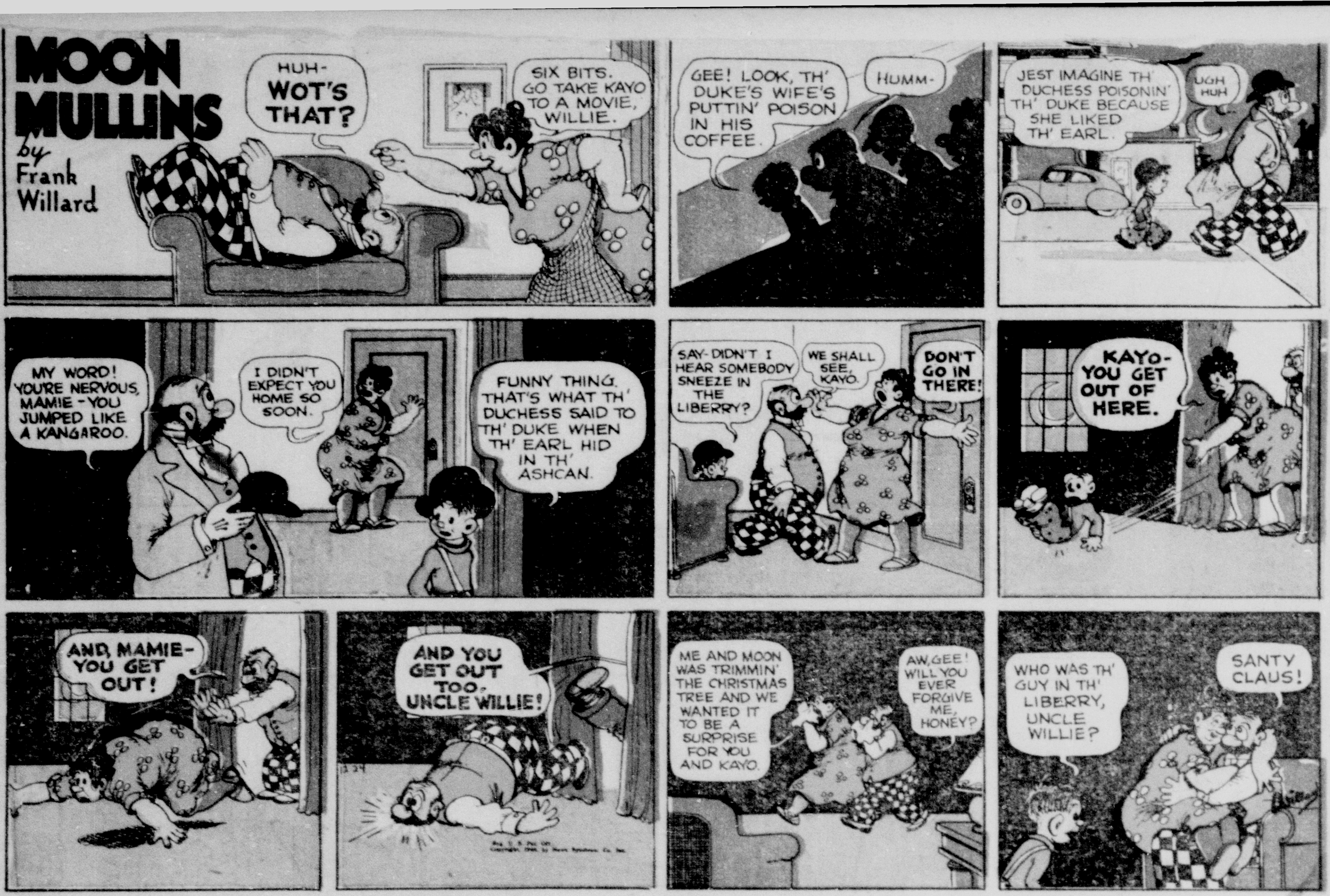
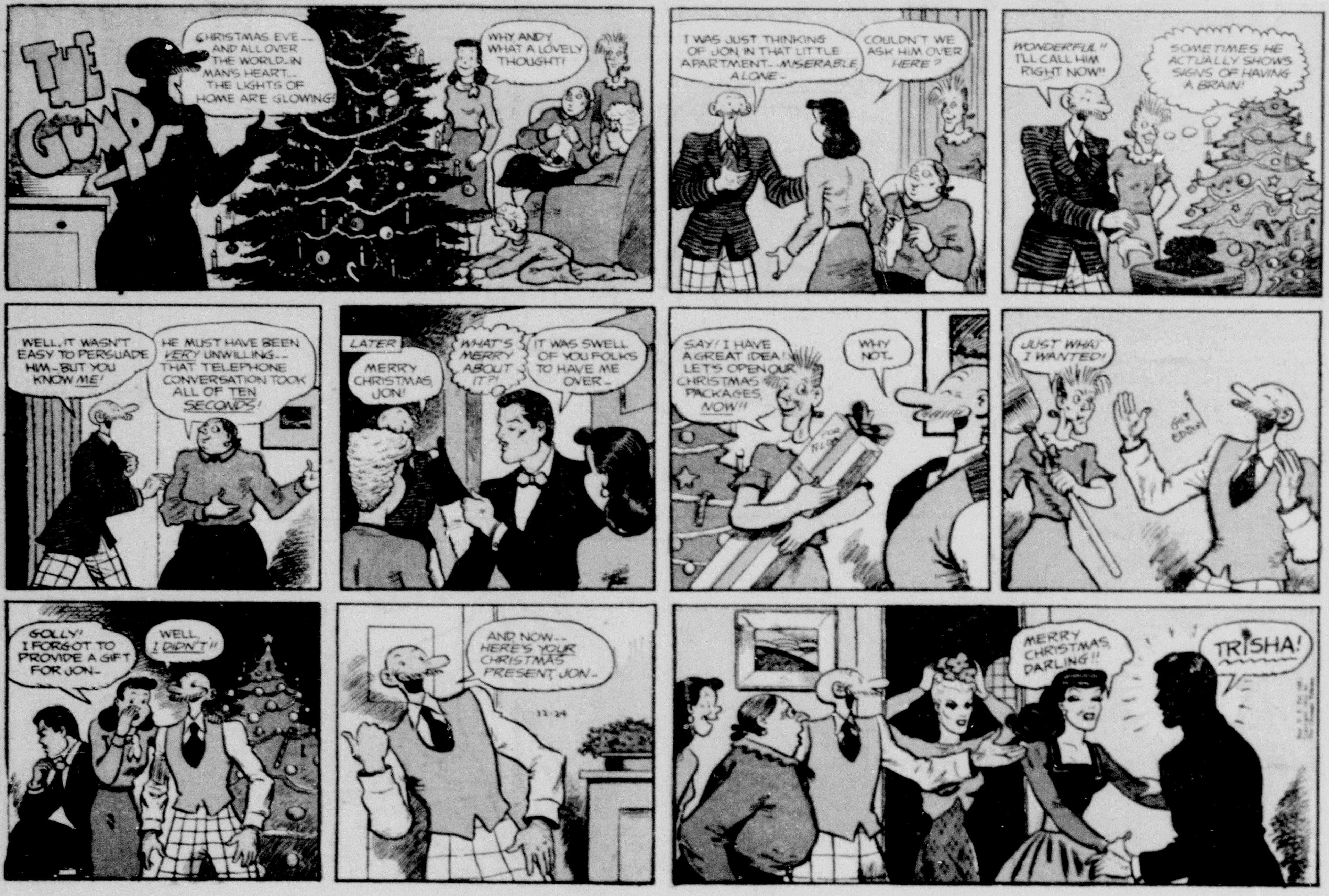
THIS IS THE HAPPIEST CHRISTMAS ANY MOTHER COULD EVER WISH FOR--
MERRY CHRISTMAS MY LITTLE SON------ MERRY CHRISTMAS!


MOON MULLINS
by Frank Willard
HUH- WOT'S THAT?
SIX BITS. GO TAKE KAYO TO A MOVIE, WILLIE.
GEE! LOOK, TH' DUKE'S WIFE'S PUTTIN' POISON IN HIS COFFEE.
HUMM-
JEST IMAGINE TH' DUCHESS POISONIN' TH' DUKE BECAUSE SHE LIKED TH' EARL.
UGH HUH
MY WORD! YOU'RE NERVOUS, MAMIE - YOU JUMPED LIKE A KANGAROO.
I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU HOME SO SOON.
FUNNY THING. THAT'S WHAT TH' DUCHESS SAID TO TH' DUKE WHEN TH' EARL HID IN TH' ASHCAN.
SAY- DIDN'T I HEAR SOMEBODY SNEEZE IN THE LIBERRY?
WE SHALL SEE, KAYO.
DON'T GO IN THERE!
KAYO- YOU GET OUT OF HERE.
AND, MAMIE- YOU GET OUT!
AND YOU GET OUT TOO, UNCLE WILLIE!
12-24
ME AND MOON WAS TRIMMIN' THE CHRISTMAS TREE AND WE WANTED IT TO BE A SURPRISE FOR YOU AND KAYO.
AW, GEE! WILL YOU EVER FORGIVE ME, HONEY?
WHO WAS TH' GUY IN TH' LIBERRY, UNCLE WILLIE?
SANTY CLAUS!


THE GUMPS
CHRISTMAS EVE-- AND ALL OVER THE WORLD--IN MAN'S HEART-- THE LIGHTS OF HOME ARE GLOWING!
WHY ANDY WHAT A LOVELY THOUGHT!
I WAS JUST THINKING OF JON IN THAT LITTLE APARTMENT--MISERABLE, ALONE-
COULDN'T WE ASK HIM OVER HERE?
WONDERFUL!! I'LL CALL HIM RIGHT NOW!!
SOMETIMES HE ACTUALLY SHOWS SIGNS OF HAVING A BRAIN!
WELL, IT WASN'T EASY TO PERSUADE HIM--BUT YOU KNOW ME!
HE MUST HAVE BEEN VERY UNWILLING-- THAT TELEPHONE CONVERSATION TOOK ALL OF TEN SECONDS!
LATER
MERRY CHRISTMAS, JON!
WHAT'S MERRY ABOUT IT?!
IT WAS SWELL OF YOU FOLKS TO HAVE ME OVER-
SAY! I HAVE A GREAT IDEA! LET'S OPEN OUR CHRISTMAS PACKAGES, NOW!!
WHY NOT-
JUST WHAT I WANTED!
GOT EDDY!
GOLLY! I FORGOT TO PROVIDE A GIFT FOR JON-
WELL, I DIDN'T!!
AND NOW-- HERE'S YOUR CHRISTMAS PRESENT, JON-
12-24
MERRY CHRISTMAS, DARLING!!
TRISHA!